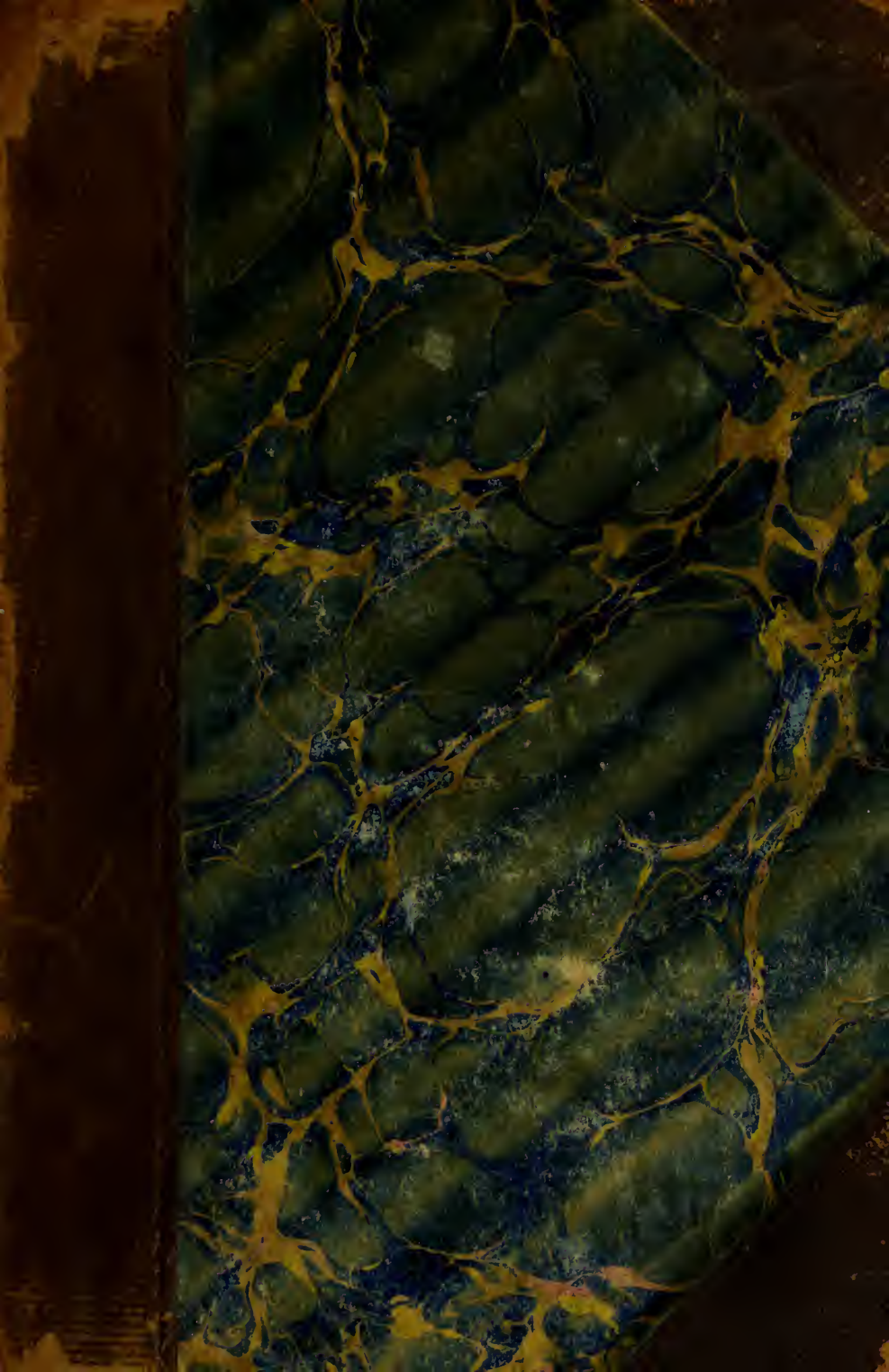




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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER

OF

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

OF CANADA,

AT ITS

Thirty-Fourth Annual Convocation

HELD IN THE

*Masonic Hall, Toronto Street,
City of Toronto,*



*Friday, July 24th, A.D. 1891.
A.I. 2421, A.L. 5891.*

ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL CHAPTERS AND PRESERVED.

ADDRESS:

J. J. MASON,
HAMILTON, ONT., *Grand Z.*

DAVID McLELLAN,
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The Thirty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall, Toronto Street, City of Toronto, on Friday, the 24th day of July, A.D. 1891, A.I. 2421.

PRESENT :

M. E. Comp. J. J. Mason	Grand Z.	Grand Council on The Throne.
R. E. Comp. J. E. Harding	Grand H.	
R. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson	Grand J.	
R. E. Comp. David McLellan	Grand Scribe E.	
R. E. Comp. Samuel Wesley	Grand Scribe N.	
R. E. Comp. R. L. Patterson	Grand Principal Soj.	
R. E. Comp. Edward Mitchell	Grand Treasurer.	
R. E. Comp. John Hewton	Grand Registrar.	
V. E. Comp. A. G. Horwood as	Grand 1st Asst. Soj.	
V. E. Comp. George Clarke	Grand 2nd Asst. Soj.	
R. E. Comp. DeWitt H. Martyn as	Grand Sword Bearer.	
R. E. Comp. John S. Dewar as	Grand Master of Veils.	
R. E. Comp. J. D. Christie as	Grand Standard Bearer.	
V. E. Comp. J. Adams	Grand Director of Ceremonies.	
V. E. Comp. F. W. Gearing	Grand Organist.	
V. E. Comp. Thomas Irwin	Grand Pursuivant.	
R. E. Comp. William Forbes as	Grand Steward.	
E. Comp. W. Abernethy as	Grand Steward.	
E. Comp. R. E. Wood as	Grand Steward.	
V. E. H. S. Broughton as	Grand Steward.	
Comp. John H. Pitchard	Grand Janitor.	

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. E. Comp. A. E. Cooper	London	District No. 2.
R. E. Comp. M. Walsh	Wilson	District No. 3.
R. E. Comp. J. A. Nelles	Wellington	District No. 4.
R. E. Comp. J. A. Frazer	Hamilton	District No. 5.
R. E. Comp. I. Baker	Huron	District No. 6.
R. E. Comp. J. F. Mathews	Toronto	District No. 8.
R. E. Comp. B. Dingle	Ontario	District No. 9.
R. E. Comp. A. McGinnis	Prince Edward	District No. 10.
R. E. Comp. A. Shaw	Central	District No. 11.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

M. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson	Colorado.
M. E. Comp. Donald Ross	Connecticut.
M. E. Comp. H. Robertson	District of Columbia
M. E. Comp. H. Robertson	Mississippi.
M. E. Comp. H. Robertson	New York.
M. E. Comp. Thos. Sargent	Kentucky.
M. E. Comp. Fred. J. Menet	Minnesota.
M. E. Comp. J. J. Mason	Nevada.
R. E. Comp. Samuel Wesley	California.
R. E. Comp. Thos. C. Macnabb	Delaware.
R. E. Comp. David McLellan	Georgia.
R. E. Comp. William Forbes	Illinois.
R. E. Comp. John M. Gibson	Kansas.
R. E. Comp. Edward Mitchell	Louisiana.
R. E. Comp. John A. Wills	Maine.
R. E. Comp. R. L. Patterson	Maryland.
R. E. Comp. John Ross Robertson	Nebraska.
R. E. Comp. John S. Dewar	New Hampshire.
R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon	Vermont.
R. E. Comp. Alexander Patterson	Virginia.
R. E. Comp. Hugh Murray	Washington.
V. E. Comp. Hugh A. Mackay	New Brunswick and Ohio
R. E. Comp. J. K. Kerr	Scotland.

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in Ample Form at 10.45 a.m.

R. E. Comp. E. T. Malone from the committee on credentials of representatives, reported that there are 82 warranted Chapters and 2 U. D. on the roll of Grand Chapter, of which number 56 were represented by the following companions:—

- No. 1. *Ancient Frontenac and Cataragui, Kingston*
V. E. Comp. J. Adams; H. E. Comp. R. T. Walkem; R. E. Comps. A. Shaw and J. Hewton, P. Z's.
- No. 2. *The Hiram, Hamilton.*
V. E. Comp. Thos. Irwin and R. E. Comp. Otto Klotz, P. Z's.
- No. 3. *St. John's, London.*
E. Comp. A. Carrothers, Z.; R. E. Comps. John S. Dewar and A. E. Cooper, P. Z's.
- No. 4. *St. Andrew and St. John's, Toronto.*
E. Comps. Thos. R. Bain, Z.; D. A. Mathews, H.; Thomas Hills, John Erskine; R. E. Comp. J. K. Kerr, and M. E. Comp. Fred. J. Menet, P. Z's.
- No. 5. *St. George's, London.*
E. Comp. L. W. Burke, J.; R. E. Comp. A. G. Smyth, and M. E. Comp. R. B. Hungerford, P. Z's.
- No. 6. *St. John's, Hamilton.*
E. Comp. John Moodie, Z; V. E. Comps. Hugh A. McKay and N. Greening
R. E. Comps. David McLellan, Wm. G. Reid, J. M. Gibson, Hugh Murray, Ed. Mitchell, and M. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, P. Z's.
- No. 7. *Moirs, Belleville.*
E. Comp. Wm. Webster, Z; R. E. Comp. A. McGinnis; and M. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, P. Z's.
- No. 8. *King Solomon's, Toronto.*
E. Comp. Robert Oliver; V. E. Comps. James Norris, George Clarke; R. E. Comps. Kivas Tully, David McLellan, John A. Wills, E. T. Malone, R. L. Patterson, J. B. Nixon, John Ross Robertson, Alex. Patterson; M. E. Comps. Fred. J. Menet, Thomas Sargent, P. Z's.
- No. 15. *Wawanosh, Sarnia.*
E. Comp. Charles Mole, Z; W. Abernethy, P. Z.
- No. 16. *Carleton, Ottawa.*
R. E. Comp. David Taylor, P. Z.
- No. 19. *Mount Moriah, St. Catharines.*
E. Comp. C. H. Connor, Z; R. E. Comp. J. D. Christie, P. Z.
- No. 20. *Mount Horeb, Brantford.*
E. Comp. Robert Ashton, Z; C. V. Howell, H.
- No. 22. *Grenville, Prescott.*
E. Comp. John F. Graham, J.
- No. 23. *Ezra, Simcoe.*
R. E. Comp. J. D. Christie, P. Z.
- No. 24. *Tecumseh., Stratford.*
V. E. Comp. F. W. Gearing, Z; A. Denne, J.; R. E. Comps. I. Baker and John E. Harding, P. Z's.
- No. 27. *Manitou, Collingwood.*
E. Comp. W. T. Toner, and M. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, P. Z's.
- No. 28. *Pentalpha, Oshawa.*
E. Comp. G. J. Scott, Z. and R. E. Comp. R. McCaw, P. Z's.
- No. 29. *McCallum, Dunnville.*
E. Comp. Louis A. Congdon, Z; George S. Middaugh and R. E. Comp. Thos. L. M. Tipton, P. Z's.
- No. 30. *Huron, Goderich.*
E. Comp. C. A. Humber, Z., and R. E. Comp. Jos. Beck, P. Z.
- No. 31. *Prince Edward, Picton.*
M. E. Comp. Donald Ross, P. Z.
- No. 34. *Signet, Barrie.*
E. Comp. J. C. Morgan, J.; D. F. Macwatt and R. E. Comp. Samuel Wesley, P. Z's.
- No. 35. *Keystone, Whitby.*
E. Comp. Chas. King, P. Z.
- No. 36. *Corinthian, Peterborough.*
E. Comp. Robert E. Wood, Z.
- No. 37. *Victoria, Port Hope.*
E. Comp. W. J. Robertson, Z.

- No. 38. *Seymour, Eradford.*
V. E. Comp. H. S. Broughton, P.Z. Proxy.
- No. 40. *Guelph, Guelph.*
E. Comp. Richard Mahoney, Z; R. E. Comps. J. A. Nelles and W. D. Hepburn, P.Z's.
- No. 41. *Harris, Ingersoll.*
E. Comp. W. A. Woolson, Z, and R. E. Comp. M. Walsh, P.Z.
- No. 44. *Mount Sinai, Napanee.*
E. Comps. Stanley Clark Warner, Z; Robert W. Longmore, H., James Aylsworth, M. E. Comp. Donald Ross, P.Z's.
- No. 45. *Excelsior, Colborne.*
E. Comp. G. E. R. Wilson, Z
- No. 47. *Wellington, Chatham.*
R. E. Comp. Thomas C. Macnabb, P.Z.
- No. 48. *St John's, Cobourg.*
E. Comp. Robert J. Craig, Z, P. J. Lightburne, P.Z.
- No. 52. *Prince Rupert, Winnipeg.*
M. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, P.Z., Proxy.
- No. 54. *Palestine, St. Thomas.*
E. Comp. Jesse Wallis, Z; N. W. Ford, and R. E. Comp. Robert McKay, P.Z's.
- No. 55. *Niagara, Niagara.*
E. Comp. J. G. Rousseau, Z
- No. 56. *Georgian, Owen Sound.*
R. E. Comp. John Creasor, P. Z.
- No. 60. *Dorie, Newmarket.*
E. Comps. J. E. Hollingshead, Z.; P. T. Lee, H
- No. 61. *Granite, Almonte,*
R. E. Comp. A. Shaw, P. Z, Proxy.
- No. 62. *York, Eglinton.*
E. Comps. George H. C. Brooke, J.; John Burke, Wm Roaf, John McCarter, R. E. Comp. E. T. Malone and M. E. Comp. Thos. Sargant, P Z's.
- No. 63. *Havelock, Kineardine.*
E. Comp. R. D. Hall, Z.; R. E. Comp. De Witt H. Martyn, P. Z.
- No. 65. *St. Paul's, Toronto.*
E. Comp. W. George Eakins, Z.; G. F. Shepley, H. B. Allen, V. E. Comp. F. F. Manley, R. E. Comp. T. F. Blackwood, M. E. Comp. Fred J. Menet, P. Z's.
- No. 69. *Grimsby, Grimsby.*
R. E. Comps. Wm. Forbes and Wm. G. Reid, P. Z's
- No. 71. *Prince of Wales, Amherstburg.*
E. Comp. George Gott, P. Z.
- No. 75. *St. Clair, Milton.*
R. E. Comps. Wm. Panton, Z, and J. A. Frazer, P.Z.
- No. 76. *Mount Nebo, Niagara Falls South.*
E. Comp. George Hyatt, P.Z.
- No. 77. *Occident, Toronto.*
E. Comp. L. B. Montgomery, Z; Wm. Riddell; V. E. Comps. A. G. Horwood, Jos. W. Hickson; M. E. Comps. Thos. Sargant, Fred. J. Menet, P.Z's.
- No. 79. *Orient, Toronto.*
E. Comps. Percy Hill, H, Ira Bates, and M. E. Comps. Fred. J. Menet and Thos. Sargant, P.Z's.
- No. 82. *Shuniah, Port Arthur.*
E. Comps. W. J. Clarke, P. Z. Proxy, and J. A. Fraser, P.Z.
- No. 83. *Ionic, Orangeville.*
M. E. Comp. Thos. Sargant, P.Z.
- No. 86. *Macpherson, Meaford.*
E. Comp. John H. Dickinson, Z; J. H. Parsons, D. Bole, and R. E. Comp. John F. Matthews, P.Z's.
- No. 88. *Macnabb, Dresden.*
V. E. Comp. R. M. Stuart, P.Z.
- No. 90. *Golden, Rat Portage.*
R. E. Comp. John K. Brydon, P.Z.
- No. 91. *Antiquity, Toronto.*
E. Comp. Wm. Walker, Z; V. E. Comps. George J. Bennett, C. F. Mansell
R. E. Comp. G. G. Rowe; M. E. Comp. Thos. Sargant, P Z's.
- No. 94. *Midland, Lindsay.*
E. Comp. W. J. Hallett, Z; J. D. Graham, R. E. Comp. B. Dingle, P. Z's.
- No. 95. *Tusean, Brampton.*
E. Comp. Adam Morton, Z; Archibald McKechnie J.; V. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, and M. E. Comp. Thos. Sargant, P. Z's.

U. D. *Algonquin, Sault Ste. Marie.*

E. Comp. D. Bole, Z.

U. D. *St. John's, North Bay.*

E. Comp. W. H. Burgess, Z.

28 Chapters are not represented.

Number of votes entitled to be cast, 228.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. T. MALONE, <i>Chairman.</i>	} <i>Committee.</i>
WM. G. REID,	
M. WALSH,	

On motion of R. E. Comp. E. T. Malone, seconded by R. E. Comp. Wm. G. Reid, the report of the Committee on the Credentials of Representatives was received and adopted.

The M. E. Grand Z. granted permission for the admission of all Royal Arch Masons in good standing during the Session of the Grand Chapter as visitors.

The Grand Scribe E. read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Chapter during business. The Grand Scribe E commenced to read the minutes of the proceedings of the thirty-third annual convocation, held in the city of Kingston on the 18th day of July, A.D. 1890, A.I. 2420, when it was moved by R. E. Comp. J. E. Harding, seconded by R. E. Comp. John Ross Robertson, and

Resolved, That as the Proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, held on the 18th day of July, 1890, have been printed and copies thereof sent to all the Chapters under this jurisdiction, the recorded minutes be considered as read, and the same be now confirmed.

The M. E. Grand Z. then read the following:—

ADDRESS.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Chapter of Canada, greeting:

COMPANIONS,—Another year has rapidly passed away, and through the beneficence of our Great High Priest, we are graciously permitted to assemble in this our Thirty-fourth Annual Convocation, to give thanks for the many mercies vouchsafed to us, to seek the assistance of the Most High in our labors, to review the events of the past year, and to look forward with hope to the years that are to come.

Our joy, however, is mingled with sorrow in that we have to lament the death of some of our beloved companions, some in the prime of life, and some who had lived to a good old age. Prominent amongst those who have passed from our midst are, R.E. Comp. W.J.B. McLeod Moore, and R.E. Comp. James A. Henderson. R.E. Comp. Moore was best known in Templar Masonry, to which he had devoted the best energies of his life, and through which his name had become familiar throughout the Templar world. R.E. Comp. Henderson became endeared to us more particularly in Blue Masonry. As a member and as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, his smiling face and cheery voice were always thrice welcome. Loving and lovable, we may well say of him, "we will record his name in our hearts and treasure it in our memories; he shall live in the exercise of his virtues."

VISITS.

During the past year my visits, though few in number, were exceedingly pleasant, and I trust were productive of some good. On August 18th, 1890, I visited Prince Rupert's Chapter, No. 52, Winnipeg, and although some of the principal officers were absent owing to the commencement of the wheat harvest, yet a large number of companions assembled to welcome me, and my stay in that rapidly growing city was

made exceedingly pleasant. On the 9th October, 1890, I visited my mother Chapter, St. John's, No. 6, Hamilton, and assented to and took part in the amalgamation with Wentworth Chapter, Dundas. I am glad to report that the amalgamation was carried into effect without a dissenting voice from either Chapter.

On the 2nd December, 1890, I attended a combined meeting of St. John's, No. 3, and St. George's, No. 5, at London, in order to assist in the presentation of an address and testimonial to my popular predecessor, M.E. Comp. R. B. Hungerford. The sentiments expressed in the address were echoed by every Companion, and in his case, at all events, it was evident "that a prophet *has* honor in his own city and country."

On the 10th Dec., 1890, I visited St. Paul's Chapter at Toronto, and was received most cordially by E. Comp. Allen and members of the chapter, who take a just pride in their work, and who have encouraged fraternal visits with other Chapters.

On 5th January, 1891, I visited Hiram Chapter, No. 2, Hamilton, installed the Officers and listened to an excellent report of the past year's work prepared by the Scribe E.

On the 7th Jan., 1891, I visited Mount Horeb Chapter, Brantford, and witnessed the installation of the officers by R.E. Comp. Walsh, and the Royal Arch degree worked by E. Comp. Ashton. The difficulties of the past, connected with this Chapter, have all been overcome, under the zealous exertions of E. Comp. Ashton and his officers, and it is now working on a sound basis.

My last visit was on the 9th Jan., 1891, to Harris Chapter, No. 41, Ingersoll, when, in the presence of a large number of members and visitors, the officers were installed by R.E. Comp. Walsh, and a jewel presented to that Companion, who had faithfully served as Z. of the Chapter for three years.

DISPENSATIONS.

Excluding dispensations of the ordinary nature, which were few in number, I issued two for the formation of new chapters, namely, on the 3rd of April, 1891, to Algonquin Chapter, Sault Ste Marie, which had been strongly recommended by the District Superintendent and the Companions at Port Arthur, and on the 2nd June, 1891, at North Bay, which was also strongly recommended by the District Superintendent and many prominent Companions in the northern part of the Province.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

I have had pleasure in recommending R.E. Comp. J. E. Harding, as our Representative near the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, in place of R.E. Comp. J. A. Henderson, deceased; and E. Comp. D. F. Macwatt, as Representative near the Grand Chapter of Missouri, in place of R. E. Comp. W. J. B. McLeod Moore, deceased.

FINANCES.

It is very gratifying to be able to report that our financial position continues to improve.

The receipts for the year were.....	\$2,611 05
and the disbursements were.....	2,022 20

The gain for the year being.....	\$ 588 85
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We have now in debentures.....	\$15,500 00
and in the Bank of Commerce.....	2,462 52

Total.....	\$17,962 52
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I think we may safely invest a further sum of \$1,500, and recommend that this may receive the favorable consideration of Grand Chapter.

CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY.

Without desiring to encroach on the domain of the committee on this subject, I cannot help expressing my great gratification in the belief that there has been a marked revival in the work of the Royal Craft. I can easily understand the difficulties that chapters have to contend with as compared with the lodges. The number of working officers required is larger, and the work more difficult, and under these circumstances a general improvement must give us all much pleasure.

DECISIONS.

During the year I have been called upon to give very few decisions, and generally of an unimportant character. Amongst the decisions was one relating to physical qualification, where I decided that a Master Mason who had lost his right arm was not eligible for the chapter degrees. It is true that there is no reference to this question in the constitution, but it appeared to me that the rule of Craft Masonry should apply.

THE GRAND SCRIBE E.

Early in January last the Grand Scribe E. was prostrated by a severe illness, and for some time it was feared that the result would be fatal. We all rejoice that our fears were not realized, and that he is at his post to-day full of life and energy, and of his old time zeal in the discharge of his duties.

CONCLUSION.

The year just passed has been one of peace and prosperity. No discord has arisen in our ranks, and no dissensions have disturbed the happy course of events. May our meeting this year be as pleasant and profitable as those that have preceded it. I have endeavored to discharge my duties conscientiously, and to the best interest of the Royal Craft, and I trust they have merited your approval. Let us now enter upon our work, and when it is over let us hope that the Most High will spare us all to meet some other day.

J. J. MASON,
Grand Z.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. E. Harding, seconded by R. E. Comp. John Ross Robertson, and

Resolved, That the address of the M. E. Grand Z. be referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon during the present Convocation of Grand Chapter.

The following reports of the various Grand Superintendents of Districts were presented:—

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter R.A.M., of Canada:

In compliance with the requirements of the Constitution, I have the honor of submitting the following report of the condition of Capitular Masonry in St. Clair District, No. 1. Owing to pressure of business, I was unable to pay official visits except to Erie and Ark Chapters, the officers of which I duly installed. I received notices of all the meetings of Wellington Chapter, No. 47, and from information received, understand it to be in a fairly prosperous condition. Only one notice was re-

ceived from McNabb Chapter, No. 88, too late to avail myself of the opportunity to visit it. In a communication received from the Scribe E. of this Chapter, he informed me that they were "having rather a hard struggle." Eric, Prince of Wales and Ark Chapters are in fair condition and working in harmony. During the year I granted one dispensation to Erie Chapter to attend divine service. The condition of Capitular Masonry in St. Clair District during the past year has not been very encouraging, prospects, however, are brightening, and it is expected that the coming year will bring renewed activity and increased work.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

THOMAS MCGREGOR,
Grand Supt. St. Clair District.

Windsor, July 8th, 1891.

LONDON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honor to submit my report of the condition of Capitular Masonry for the London District. My first official act on being elected to preside over this district was the issuing of a circular to the first principals of the several Chapters, drawing their attention to clause 80 of the Constitution, with the result that I have received notice of all meetings for the year just closing. I visited all the Chapters in the district, with the exception of Minnewawa, No. 78, Parkhill, and Beaver, No. 74, Strathroy. The former is dead, beyond all hopes of resuscitation, and I would strongly urge upon Grand Chapter the necessity of immediate and decided action in disposing of this "Masonic corpse;" and as there has been no meeting held for over six years, I say that in justice to the other Chapters in the district, its Charter should at once be recalled. I visited Strathroy and looked up some of the members of Beaver Chapter, but their utter indifference to the fate of their Chapter and R.A. Masonry in general, completely discouraged any further efforts on my part; from what I can learn, the affairs of this Chapter appear to be in the hands of a few old members who apparently will not give way to younger and necessarily more progressive Companions. This should not be, and I would recommend that Grand Chapter make a special enquiry into its affairs with a view to its reorganization or cancelling its Charter. There is a large and rich field in Strathroy and surrounding country for a good live Chapter. Many worthy Craftsmen have expressed their desire to me to take the Chapter degrees, but are prevented from so doing in consequence of being in the jurisdiction of Beaver Chapter. This is unjust to them, as it is manifestly unfair to the more progressive and ambitious Chapters in the district, as they thereby lose a great deal of good and useful material, and the sooner and more promptly Grand Chapter takes action in this matter the better it will be for the future welfare of the Royal Craft in the London District. Last returns made to Grand Chapter were in 1883.

ST. JOHN'S, No. 3, London, has a membership of 74; average attendance, 20; meetings held, regular, 12; emergent, 8; exaltations, 6. Condition of S. E.'s books, good. Cash promptly paid over to Treasurer who deposits in the Bank to the credit of Z. and Treasurer. Dues per year, \$1; number of Companions in arrears over one year, 9; assets, \$700; liabilities, nil; furniture jointly owned by and insured with St. George's Chapter, No. 5, for \$400. It was represented at the last Convocation of

Grand Chapter by myself and the present Z.—then H. I have paid this Chapter two official visits during the year; on my first, I installed the officers for 1891; on my second, I witnessed the R.A. degree conferred on two candidates; the first Principal's work being done by the I.P.Z. fairly well. H. and J. are old workers in the Craft, and have their work up well; the subordinate officers are all good workers, particularly the P.S. This old Chapter, I am happy to state, is experiencing a most gratifying revival, largely due to the number of young Companions added to its roll. The Z. is a good ritualist, and understands his work. I would, however, suggest for the sake of harmony, that he exercise a little more judgment in the use of the gavel. It is possible to use that emblem of authority too freely.

ST. GEORGE'S, No. 5, London.—Has a membership of 74; average attendance, 20; meetings held during the year—regular, 11; emergent, 1; joinings, 1; exaltations, 3; condition of S. E.'s books, good; cash paid over to Treasurer, who deposits it to the credit of the Ex.Z. and Treasurer; dues per year, \$1; companions over one year in arrears, 20; two years, 11; three years, 7; four years, 2; assets, \$1,225; liabilities, \$75; furniture jointly owned and insured with St. John's, No. 3, for \$400. It was represented at last convocation of Grand Chapter by Most Ex. Comp. R. B. Hungerford, Right E. Comps. Burke and Munson, P.Z's. I visited this Chapter twice officially. On my first, assisted by R. E. Comps. Burke and Munson, I installed the officers for 1891. On my second I witnessed the R. A. worked by the regular officers. E. Comp. Broderick, First Principal, who is a recent and valuable addition to our Masonic ranks, being I.P.Z. of St. Lawrence Chapter, Brockville, is a clean, correct workman, and a strict disciplinarian. The H., I regret to say, is an indifferent worker; he has held the position for three years but, unlike old wine, 'time does not seem to improve him,' and just here the thought occurs that Companions who accept responsible positions and then treat the honor and position with contempt by not attending to the duties of their office and not perfecting themselves in the work, does a Chapter a positive injury. They are simply a wet blanket and stumbling block to more useful and energetic Companions. J. did his work in a very commendable manner, a little nervous but will eventually make a clean worker. The subordinate officers did their work fairly well, but abundant room for improvement. On the occasion of this visit a very pleasing incident occurred—being the presentation on the part of the Chapter, of a very handsome and valuable P. First Principal's jewel to R. E. Comp. Munson, P. G. S., of London District, and P.Z. of St. George's Chapter, No. 5. It is needless to say that the R. Ex. Comp. was as much surprised as he was deeply affected by the kindness of his Companions. St. George's, like its sister Chapter, St. John's, is enjoying the same experience of prosperity, in fact it is difficult to speak of these two old Chapters separately, their interests and prosperity are virtually the same, and it is pleasing to note the good fellowship and harmony existing between them.

WAWANOSH, No. 15, Sarnia.—Has a membership of 39; average attendance, 11. Have received 7 notices of regular meetings. No degrees worked during the year; condition of S. E.'s books, good; funds deposited to the credit of the Treasurer only; dues per year, \$1.50; Companions over one year in arrears, 9; two years, 11; four years, 3; five years, 3; assets about \$200; liabilities, nil; furniture not insured. Represented at last Convocation of Grand Chapter by Ex. Comp. Abernathy, P. Z. This old and conservative Chapter labors under

various disadvantages compared to other Chapters in the district. Not only is it somewhat isolated and restricted as to territory, but the fact of it being situated in a lake-port town and many of its Companions being connected with the shipping business, renders its membership of rather a transient character. It has also in the past fathered many ungrateful children in the shape of surrounding Chapters, viz.: Strathroy, Parkhill and Petrolia. Nevertheless it bravely holds its own, and from the notices I have received of late, I perceive they have good and abundant material on the way. The resident Companions are of the very best class of citizens who have the interests of the Royal Craft at heart. Not only are they jealous of the good name and reputation of their Chapter, but are also very conservative in their ideas and practices, indeed it is their proud boast that no brother has ever been solicited to join Wawanosh Chapter. While some may be inclined to question the wisdom of such policy, still it must be conceded that if it does not add to the quantity of their membership, it certainly does to the quality, and after all it is simply observing one of the first principles of Ancient Freemasonry, alas! too often lost sight of in the modern and so-called progressive Masonry. As there was no work in hand I had them open and close in the R. A. degree, which was done satisfactorily. Future prospects good.

BRUCE, No. 53, Petrolia.—This Chapter has the dry rot in its worst form. It is poorly officered and consequently badly managed. Through the indifference of its principal officers and Companions it has been allowed to lapse into "innocuous desuetude." Early in the year I wrote the Ex. Z. to give me some information regarding its condition. His reply was as polite as it was ambiguous and unsatisfactory. In answer to my enquiry if he thought a visit from me would prove beneficial, the reply was something in the shape of "If you see what you don't want, ask for it." However, I paid it a visit and found matters in a very disorganized condition. I learned that the annual dues were \$3 and that some of the Companions were \$27 in arrears. I advised them to adopt some prompt and decisive measures to make the delinquents pay or suspend them, also to reduce their dues and endeavor to get in some new material. I tried to get some particulars but all the Companions seemed reluctant to give me any information. This rather puzzled me at the time but incidentally I learned that the majority of them own stock in the building, and that it was necessary to charge high dues in order to pay dividends—a case of robbing Peter to pay Paul. Since my visit I have written the S. E. twice for some data, but as yet he has not even deigned to notice my communications. I am unable, therefore, to give Grand Chapter full particulars of this Chapter. Personally the Companions are a social and generous lot. They received and entertained me with the greatest cordiality and fraternal respect, and it is with feelings of no ordinary regret that I am compelled to render such an unfavorable report of their Chapter, and I sincerely trust that the Companions of Bruce will bestir themselves and endeavor to bring their Chapter up to its old standard, one of the first in the district.

PALESTINE, No. 54, meets at St. Thomas every second Thursday in the month. This is a live, flourishing Chapter doing good work. Number of members, 85; average attendance, 20; number of exaltations, 4; number of meetings held—regular, 11; emergent, 4; condition of S. E.'s books good; funds deposited to the credit of Z. and Treasurer; dues per year \$1; number of Companions over one year in arrears, 17; over two years, 10; three years, 2; four years, 1; assets about \$300; liabili-

ties none; hall suitable; represented at last Convocation of Grand Chapter by Ex. Comp. Ford, I. P. Z. This Chapter has recently purchased a complete set of Chapter tools and paraphernalia at a cost of about \$100, which adds greatly to the appearance of the room and the effectiveness of the work. They have a complete Chapter outfit for sale. I visited this Chapter accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Burke in March and witnessed the R. A. degree worked by the regular officers, assisted by that veteran worker in the Craft, R. Ex. Comp. Mackay, P. G. Superintendent. The Z. did his work in an earnest, painstaking manner, showing promise of a clever workman. H. and J. as well as the subordinate officers, particularly the S. E., did their work in a very commendable manner. Prospects very bright.

AYLMER, No. 81, Aylmer, has a membership of 42; average attendance 20; meetings held—12 regular; 3 emergent; condition of S. E.'s books good; cash deposited to the credit of Z. and Treasurer; assets \$400; liabilities nil; no members in arrears; represented at last Convocation of Grand Chapter by Ex. Comp. Richardson; the future prospects good. This is the bright, particular star of the district. It is a jewel the Grand Body should be proud of. The recollection of my visit to Aylmer, Chapter 81, will ever remain a green spot in my Masonic memory. Not only for the perfect—yes, absolutely perfect—work that I witnessed but also for the very cordial and fraternal manner in which I was received and entertained, and what was particularly pleasing to note was the perfect harmony which apparently animates the Companions. Old and young each vying with the other who best could work and best degree, which goes to prove the old Masonic truth that “Harmony is the strength of all institutions, but more especially this of ours.” This Chapter is one of the very few in which the “Lodge Crank” is unknown, and so long as he is a stranger prosperity will shine on Aylmer Chapter. On the occasion of my visit the R. A. was worked by the regular officers. It would be invidious of me to particularize, as every officer was perfect in his work.

In comparing the statistics of the six live Chapters of this district for the year 1891 with those of 1881, ten years, I find that Aylmer is the only one that has steadily increased in membership. The remaining five have decreased about twenty-five per cent., and if we take in the two “deceased” ones, we find that Capitalar Masonry in London District has decreased more than fifty per cent; lamentable fact, but nevertheless true, and what adds to its disagreeableness is the fact that forty per cent. has been the result of suspensions. What are we to infer from this? Is it that our old rulers were careless in taking in worthless material, or the fire of our Masonic youth is being extinguished by time? I leave the solution of the question to deeper and more intelligent minds. I confess it is not pleasant to raise such disagreeable questions, still, by the errors and mistakes of the past we should learn to regulate the future. Speaking generally the future prospects are hopeful, and I feel hopeful in saying that the Royal Craft in this district is entering a new era of prosperity. I find more interest, better work and an evident desire on the part of the Companions to better understand the teachings and objects of Royal Arch Masonry. I venture the opinion that this improvement is largely due to the general revival of Craft Masonry. During the year I granted the following dispensations:—Dec. 27th, 1890, to allow St. George's Chapter, No. 5, to wear R. A. clothing at divine service. June 27th, 1891, to Aylmer Chapter, 81, for the same purpose.

In conclusion I take this opportunity of returning my warm and sincere thanks to the Companions of all the Chapters for the kind and fraternal manner in which I was received on all my official visits.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

A. E. COOPER,
Grand Supt. London District.

LONDON, June 27th, 1891.

WILSON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

I am happy to be able to say that the four Chapters in my district are now all in good working order, and with bright prospects for a useful and successful future. On the 30th of October last, I paid my official visit to Ezra Chapter, No. 23, at Simcoe, and installed Ex. Comp. Hayes and the subordinate officers of the Chapter. Ex. Comp. Wood had been elected as Second Principal, and he not having served as Third Principal, and there being no dispensation, he was not installed, and the Third Principal elect, Ex. Comp. Boyd, was not present, and there was no work to be done on that occasion. After the Chapter was closed and during refreshments, at the request of the Chapter, I performed the pleasant duty of presenting Right Ex. Comp. Christie, who has been an active worker in the Chapter ever since its re-formation lately, with a handsome Royal Arch jewel, and V. Ex. Comp. Counter afterwards presented a similar jewel to Comp. Kelley, the Scribe E. of the Chapter, as a mark of appreciation of his faithful services.

The following is a detailed report of Ezra Chapter, No. 23. This Chapter meets at Simcoe, on the Thursday after the full moon, except in the months of July and August. The Z.'s name and P. O. address is James Hayes, M.D., Simcoe. The Scribe E.'s name and P. O. address is W. P. Kelley, Simcoe. It has a membership of 36. The average attendance, without visitors, is 15. There was no work on the occasion of my visit except the installation of officers. The following work has been done from June 1st, 1890, to May 31st, 1891: M.M., 6; P.M., 3; M.E.M., 3; R.A., 3. The bulk of this work has been done by Rt. Ex. Comp. Christie, assisted by the other Principals and officers. V. Ex. Comp. Counter, P.Z., has assisted in the P.M. and M.E.M. degrees during the year. Twelve convocations were held during the year; 10 regular and 2 emergent. The condition of S.E.'s books is good, and the Treasurer's the same. The cash is paid over to the Treasurer as it is received, and by him deposited in one of the banks in his own name. The dues of this Chapter are \$3 per year for Comps. living within three miles of the Chapter; \$1.50 for Comps. living beyond that distance in Wilson District; and \$1.00 per year for those outside the district. The number of Comps. in arrears over one year, is 5; there are no Comps. over two years in arrears. The assets are as follows: money, \$80.00; furniture, \$400; there are no liabilities. The furniture is insured for \$300. An inventory is kept outside the Chapter. The Blue Lodge Room is used for the Chapter, and is suitable. The Chapter was represented at last Grand Chapter by the first Principal, V. Ex. Comp. Counter. The prospects of the Chapter are good for the coming year as to membership and otherwise.

OXFORD, No. 18, Woodstock — On the 24th of November last I visited this Chapter, and acting as W.M. assisted the other Principals and officers in conferring the P.M. and M.E.M. degrees on two candi-

dates. The first Principal, Ex. Comp. Wilkinson, since his installation, has removed to the U. S. On the 15th December, I again visited the Chapter and acted as Z., assisted by Ex. Comp. Rumsey, Ex. Comp. McDonald and the other officers, when two candidates were exalted. Afterwards the election of officers took place, when, assisted by Rt. Ex. Comp. Canfield, I installed under dispensation the following Principals: Alex. Rumsey, Z.; Ex. Comp. McDonald, H.; Ex. Comp. Lyon, J., as well as the subordinate officers. On the 20th of April last I again visited this Chapter and assisted the officers in conferring the degrees of P.M. and M.E.M. The following is a detailed report of the above Chapter: It meets on the 3rd Monday in every month. The Z.'s name and P. O. address is Alex. Rumsey, Welland. Scribe E.'s name and P. O. address is W. C. Clarke, Woodstock. This Chapter has a membership of 34. The average attendance, exclusive of visitors, is 15. I visited this Chapter, as above stated, on November 24th, 1890, December 15th, 1890, and April 20th, 1891, and assisted in conferring the degrees heretofore mentioned, and on the 15th of December I also installed the newly elected officers, as stated above. The present Z., Ex. Comp. Rumsey, has conferred all the degrees during the year, the H. and J. doing the work of their respective offices. None of the Past Z.'s have conferred any degrees during the past year. The work of the H. and J. Ex. Comps. McDonald and Lyon, in their respective offices' has been well done, and they have proved themselves energetic officers and good workers. There have been 10 Convocations held during the year; 9 regular and 1 emergent. The condition of the Scribe E.'s books is good, and the Treasurer's the same. The cash is received by S.E. and promptly paid over to the Treasurer, who deposits the same in one of the banks in his own name. The dues of this Chapter are \$2 per year. The number of Comps. in arrears over 1 year, is 5; over 2 years, 2; over 3 years, 3; over 5 years, 1. The longest period any Comp. is in arrears is 5 years. The assets are as follows: Cash on hand, \$33.84; unpaid dues, \$40.00; value of furniture, \$400; insurance, \$250. An inventory is not kept outside the Chapter room, as I recommended them on one of my visits, to do. The Chapter has no liabilities, and was represented at last Grand Chapter by proxy. The Blue Lodge Room is used by the Chapter and is very suitable. The future prospects of the Chapter are good, the quality of the membership during the last year being above the average.

MT. HOREB, No. 20, Brantford.—On the 7th of January I paid an official visit to this Chapter for the purpose of meeting the Grand Z. Most Ex. Comp. J. J. Mason. There was a large attendance, there being about 40 members present. After the usual Grand Honors of his office were accorded to the Grand Z. three candidates were exalted, Rt. Ex. Comp. Ashton, Z., Ex. Comp. Watt, H., and Ex. Comp. Howell, J. The work generally was good and correct especially that of Rt. Ex. Comp. Ashton, Z., Ex. Comp. Watt, and Comp. Phinn, P. S. The newly elected officers were then installed by me assisted by Rt. Ex. Comp. Ashton and the Most Ex. the Grand Z. The Principals installed were Rt. Ex. Comp. Ashton, Z., Ex. Comp. Howell, H., and Ex. Comp. Heath, J. After the work of the Chapter and installation was performed the Grand Z. and visiting Comps. were cordially entertained at the refreshment table. The following is a detailed report of the above Chapter. This Chapter meets at Brantford on the first Wednesday in each month. It has a membership of 49; the average attendance without visitors is 14. The Z.'s name and P. O. address is the Rev. Robt. Ashton, Brantford. The S. E.'s name and P. O. address is S. F. Passmore,

Box 556, Brantford. Rt. Ex. Comp. Ashton, Z., has exemplified all the degrees during the last year assisted by H. and J. in their respective offices. During the last year there have been 16 Convocations, 12 Regular, 4 Emergent. At these meetings 8 candidates received the M. M. degree, six the P. M., 8 the M. E. M., 7 the Royal Arch. Neither H. nor J. have worked any degrees but they have done the work of their respective offices. The condition of S. E.'s books is good, that of the Treasurer the same. The cash is received by the S. E. and paid over to the Treasurer. The funds are not deposited in any bank but are retained by the Treasurer. The dues of the Chapter are \$3 per year. The number of Comps. in arrear over one year is 6, over two years is 2, over three years 1, over four years 1, over five years 2. The longest period any Comp. is in arrears is eleven years. The assets are \$800. The liabilities are nil. The value of the furniture is \$800, and it is insured for \$600. An inventory is kept outside the Chapter in the vault. This Chapter has a Royal Arch Chapter Room which is suitable. The Chapter was represented at last Convocation of Grand Chapter by Ex. Comp. Howell, J. The prospects of the Chapter are very good.

HARRIS, No. 41.—Having been Z. of this Chapter, I performed all the duties of that office up to January last when the new officers were elected. On Friday evening, the 9th of January last, the Most Ex. the Grand Z., J. J. Mason, of Hamilton, paid an official visit to this Chapter to witness the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree and to be present at the installation of its newly elected officers, on which occasion the Chapter invited a number of Comps. from this part of the Province to assist it in paying its respects to the Most Ex. Comp. Mason. The following Comps. accepted the invitation and honored the occasion with their presence:—Rt. Ex. Comp. Cooper, G. S. of London District; Rt. Ex. Comp. Baker, of Stratford, G. S. of Huron District; V. Ex. Comp. J. Sutherland, of Woodstock, M. P., Ex. Comp. Rumsey, Z. of Oxford Chapter, Woodstock; Ex. Comp. Broderick of London, Z. of St. George's Chapter, London; Ex. Comp. Ford, Z. of Palestine Chapter, St. Thomas; Ex. Comp. McDonald H., of Oxford Chapter, Woodstock; Ex. Comp. Lyon, of Oxford Chapter, Woodstock, together with several other Comps. from Woodstock, Hamilton and Embro. After the Grand Z. and Rt. Ex. Comps. were received with the honors of their respective offices, the Royal Arch Degree was conferred and the newly elected officers were duly installed, I acting as installing Z. assisted by Most Ex. Comp. Mason and Ex. Comp. Broderick. Before the close of the Chapter Most Ex. Comp. Mason on behalf of my Chapter presented me with a very handsome Past Principal's jewel and complimented the officials of the Chapter upon the correct and admirable manner in which the degree had been conferred. Later on the Chapter entertained M. Ex. Comp. Mason and the visiting Comps. at an enjoyable banquet which closed the proceedings of a very pleasant evening. This Chapter meets at Ingersoll on the second Friday in each month. The Z.'s name and P. O. address are W. A. Woolson, Ingersoll. The S. E.'s name and P. O. address are James P. Boles, Ingersoll P. O. I visited the Chapter as G. S. on 22nd May last. The number of members on the roll is 37. The average attendance without visitors is 13. On the occasion of my official visit I assisted in conferring the Royal Arch Degree. The quality of the work of Z., H. and J. is good. Eleven Convocations were held during the year, 9 regular and 2 emergent. The work done during the year was as follows:—M. M. 3, P. M. 3, M. E. M. 3, R. A. 3. The newly elected Z. has conferred all the degrees since his election. The

condition of S. E.'s books is good and the Treasurer's the same. The cash is received by S. E. and promptly paid over to the Treasurer. The cash is deposited in one of the banks by the Treasurer in his own name. The dues are \$2 per year. The number of Comps. in arrear over one year is 12, over two years 8. The longest period any Comp. is in arrear is two years. The assets are as follows :—Cash \$101.84, value of furniture \$300, total \$401.84. The liabilities are \$4.25. The furniture is insured for \$300. The Blue Lodge Room is used for the Chapter and is very suitable. The Chapter was represented at last Grand Chapter by myself. The future prospects of the Chapter are good.

M. WALSH,
Grand Supt. Wilson District.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

I have the honor to submit my annual report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Wellington District. From the success attending my efforts the previous year I was in hopes I could have made a better report this year, but it has not come up to my expectations. Again, my own private business has been such that I could not devote as much time to visiting as I would like to have done, however, to overcome that point, I proposed to Guelph Chapter, and I am happy to say they unanimously and most heartily endorsed the suggestion, that we invite all the other Chapters in the district to meet at Guelph and hold a Chapter of Instruction (and as well have a pleasant social evening together, which I think is one of the very pleasant features of our Order). Accordingly on Jan. 9th, the following motion was made in Guelph Chapter :—Moved by Ex. Comp. Second Principal Mahoney, seconded by R.E. Comp. Nelles, "That an invitation be sent to all the Chapters in the district, viz., Enterprise, Harriston; Elora, Elora; Waterloo, Galt; and Ionic, Orangeville, to be present with us at our regular Convocation on Feb. 13th, 1891, and also to inform them we would meet at 3 p m. to exemplify the three first degrees, and in the evening the Royal Arch degree would be given to a candidate in waiting"—Carried. Notices were sent out as above, but I am sorry to say the result was far from satisfactory. We had the pleasure of three Companions from Ionic, No. 83, Orangeville, the most distant Chapter from Guelph, and one from Enterprise, No. 67, Harriston, nearly as far, but not one from Waterloo, Galt; or Elora, Elora, both within an hour and a half drive, and as the Comps. who did come were not here in time for an afternoon session, there was none held. In the evening we held a splendid meeting, and tried to give a full and complete exemplification of opening and closing a Chapter, and also conferred the Royal Arch degree on a Comp. who was in waiting, after which an adjournment was made to the refreshment rooms, where a very pleasant hour was spent, and the expression of our visitors who were present was that the meeting had been both profitable and pleasant. I could only regret we were not favored with a much larger attendance of visitors.

ELORA, No. 49, Elora.—This Chapter has not been working well and they talked of surrendering their Warrant. I asked them to call a meeting and I would go up and meet them, which they did, on the 22nd Oct. I was present and acted as first Principal. There were 11 members present, some were in favor of giving up, others were very anxious to keep it going. They are in good standing with Grand Chapter, have

a nice Chapter room well furnished, no liabilities and quite an amount of outstanding dues, but yet did not seem to be working right; however, I advised them to call another meeting in a month, and I would come up again, and in the meantime to audit their books, collect what dues they could, and have a clear statement to place before the meeting, all of which they promised to do, but that meeting has not been held yet. I have seen some of the Comps. since, unofficially, and they seem anxious to continue the Chapter, and I hope they will, as Elora has material enough for a good one

WATERLOO, No. 32, Galt.—I can make no report of this Chapter, as during the year I have had no notice of their having held a meeting, and I have written for information regarding it, but have received no reply.

ENTERPRISE, No. 67, Harriston, is, and should be a good Chapter the Companions are enthusiastic Masons, and anxious to keep the Chapter going, but it seems difficult to hold meetings; their membership is not large, and some one always seems to be away, and not enough to open with, and I am afraid they are not as well up in the work as they should be, as they told me they had candidates waiting, but wanted some one to help them with the work. I told them I would go up at any time they gave me notice, but the year has gone without the notice coming. Enterprise must waken up.

IONIC, No. 83, Orangeville.—This is one of the best Chapters in the district. They hold their meeting regular, and never fail to send the Grand Superintendent notice, and also stating the business to come up at such meeting which, although only right and proper, is not always carried out. They are good enthusiastic Masons, and are keeping their Chapter in good shape. The returns have been regularly sent to Grand Chapter. They have received three (3) new members during the year and one (1) by affiliation. They have held seven (7) meetings, at which the average attendance was fourteen (14), which I consider a good average. The number of members on the rolls is thirty-nine (39). Altogether, I think the outlook for Ionic is bright, and may success attend their good work.

GUELPH, No. 40, Guelph—last, but not least.—Guelph Chapter is, and should be, from its advantages of membership and position, the best Chapter in the district, but I must say the average attendance is not up to the mark, although the officers do their work well, and they certainly should receive more encouragement from the members than they do. With a membership on the rolls of about seventy (70), the average attendance should be more than 14 or 15 at each meeting. Ionic, of Orangeville, make a better showing than that. However, the Chapter is in good shape, everything working harmoniously, and if not increasing in numbers so fast, what they take are good material. Guelph has held ten meetings during the year; I have been present, I think, at all but one of them, on October the 10th, which was the first meeting after the election of officers, as they call off during the hot months. I installed the officers for the year. They have received one new member and one affiliation. The election of officers for next year was held on June 12th, and was most unanimous in every case, which alone would prove that harmony, good will, and brotherly love prevail in Guelph Chapter, and I feel assured that the officers I expect to have the pleasure of installing on July 10th, will not only keep up the prestige, but be an honor to Guelph Chapter. I would advise giving Elora and

Waterloo Chapters another year and a little encouragement, and I think they will yet be an honor and a credit to Wellington District.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. ASHWORTH NELLES,
Grand Supt. Wellington District.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honor to present my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Hamilton District. On Sept. 29th, 1890, I had the honor of a cordial invitation from Ex. Comp. W. J. Grant, First Principal of the Hiram Chapter, No. 2. to be present at their regular convocation, held on Oct. 6th, 1890, on the occasion of a fraternal visit of the First Principal and a number of the Officers and Companions of St. Paul's Chapter, No. 65, Toronto. I was much pleased to see such a large attendance both of Officers and Companions, not only of the Hiram Chapter, but also of the Officers and Companions of St. John's Chapter, No. 6. The Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch was conferred on a number of candidates by R. Ex. Comp. Mulligan, Past Principal, to whose zeal and skill the present prosperity of the Hiram Chapter is largely due, aided by the other officers of this Chapter. After the Chapter was closed in due form, the visiting Companions were invited to their large refreshment room, where cordial greetings were exchanged by the different Companions. I am sure that this meeting will be long remembered by the Companions of the different Chapters, who had the pleasure of being present on that occasion. I am satisfied that if more such meetings were held by the different Chapters, they would greatly tend to bind Companions more closely together in the bonds of friendship and brotherly love.

On December 1st, 1890, I paid my official visit to the Hiram Chapter, No. 2, and received a most cordial welcome. On this occasion the attendance was very large, and I had the pleasure of seeing the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch conferred on a number of candidates by Past Principal Excellent Companion Thomas Irwin, in the absence of the First Principal, who I was very sorry to hear was in very poor health, and I have much pleasure in reporting that not only did the First Principal perform the work as nearly as possible in a perfect manner, but also all the other officers of the Chapter, and I am satisfied that the prosperity of the Hiram is due to the excellent manner in which the work is done by the different officers of the Chapter. The number of members of this Chapter is 174: average attendance, 22; financial standing, cash in Treasurer's hands, \$162.98; dues unpaid, \$192.75; Masonic Hallstock, \$2,400; Landed, Banking and Loan Fund, \$321; share of furniture, \$478; share of robes, \$50; total, \$3,604.73. I have much pleasure to report that the greatest harmony exists amongst the officers and Companions, and that the membership keeps increasing.

On the 11th of December, 1890, I had the honor of paying my official visit to St. John's Chapter, No. 6, of Hamilton, when I received a most cordial reception. I had the pleasure of seeing the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch conferred on a number of candidates by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Miller, not only he, but all the officers of the Chapter, were as nearly as possible letter perfect in the ritual of the degree, and the manner in which the work was performed, left nothing to be desired. I was also very much pleased to see a very large

attendance of visiting officers and Companions from the Hiram Chapter on that occasion, which shows that harmony and brotherly feeling exist between the two Chapters. I was also pleased to learn that not only on the occasion of my visit but that it was the rule of the two Chapters visiting each other. The following facts speak well for this Chapter: Number of members, 222; average attendance, 33; financial standing, balance in favor of Chapter, \$2,805.52; cash in Treasurer's hands, \$131.62; dues outstanding, all good, \$106; liabilities, exclusive of Grand Chapter dues and orders passed, \$100. I have also to report that since last meeting of the Grand Chapter, that the amalgamation of St. John's Chapter, No. 6, and Wentworth Chapter, No. 87, of Dundas, was consummated on Thursday, the 9th day of October, 1890, at which The Most E. Council and other Grand Chapter Officers were present, to which, as well as to the Companions from Wentworth Chapter, that hearty and fraternal welcome was given.

On the 11th of March last I paid my official visit to St. Clair Chapter, No. 75, of Milton. I have attended every Convocation during the past year, having to take the place of the Second Principal, Ex. Comp. John Lyon, who, I am very sorry to say, has been confined to his house for the last eight months, and who is still in a very low state of health. I am sorry to report that there has not been very many members joined the Chapter for the past year, but they hold their own, and have regular convocations, at which there is a fair average of attendance, and at present date there are several applications for membership, and I am satisfied that under the skillful guidance of R. E. Comp. First Principal, W. Panton, the Chapter will increase in membership. The books of the Chapter are well kept, and financially it is in a satisfactory condition. Amount in Treasurer's hands, after paying all liabilities for the past year, \$75. There are more arrears of dues than there ought to be, but efforts are being made to get them collected. I am happy to state that in some measure their efforts are meeting with some success. I feel warranted in saying that St. Clair Chapter is in a fairly prosperous condition.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JAMES A. FRASER,
Grand Supt. Hamilton District,

HURON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers, and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I have the honor to present my report on the condition of Capitalar Masonry in the Huron District.

TECUMSEH CHAPTER, No. 24.—Meets at Stratford, on the first Tuesday of the month. I have attended all the meetings of this Chapter during the year just closed. While the H. and J. (installed in January) have not made the progress I should like to have seen, the work of the Chapter generally will bear inspection, and at the present time considerable enthusiasm is manifested. There are 37 members on the roll. There were 7 regular convocations this year and several instruction meetings, the average attendance of members being 11. All the degrees were conferred on two candidates, the work being done by V. E. Comp. Gearing, Z. On the first January all Companions were clear on the books except five, one of these being less than one year in arrears. I had hoped to see the year close without arrears, but the companions referred to, ask for time to balance their accounts, which was granted. At the begin-

ning of the year the outstandings were \$142, now they are \$42. Financially the Chapter is sound, the cash assets being \$226.94, with liabilities nil. The collections by the S. E. are promptly delivered to the Treasurer and deposited by him in his own name. The condition of the Chapter is good, and its prospects fair.

HURON, No. 30, meets at Goderich on the third Tuesday monthly, except July and August. I have not had any communications from this Chapter during the year, except statistics now before me, which do not show very favorably. The number of members on the roll is 44, being 2 less than last year. The number of meetings is 7, with an average attendance of 15. There has been no work done. The cash assets are nil, and no liabilities. The furniture is valued at \$150, having deteriorated \$150 during the year. It is insured for \$100. The annual dues are \$2 for resident, and \$1 for non-resident, members. Four members are under one year in arrears, 10 over one year, 11 over two years, 7 over three years, 4 over four years, and 8 over five years, showing room for improvement and work for the S. E. The condition and prospects are considered fair ; no representation in Grand Chapter last year.

ST. JAMES', No. 46, St. Mary's.—Dead and waiting Masonic interment.

HAVELOCK, No. 63, Kincardine, meets on the third Thursday of each month. The membership is 39. During the year there were 12 regular convocations, with an average attendance of 11. I visited this Chapter on January 15th, and assisted by R. E. Comp. Martyn, installed the officers, after which the M. M. M. degree was conferred on a brother who had driven a considerable distance, the night being cold and stormy. The P. M., M. E. M., and R. A. have since been conferred by E. Comp. Hall, this being all the work done during the year, although more is on the way and the prospects are better than for some years. The cash collected by the S. E. is regularly handed to the Treasurer, and by him deposited in the name of the Chapter. The assets are \$481.62, and liabilities \$26.12, the furniture being insured as heretofore. There are 2 members over one year in arrears, 6 over two years, 3 over three years. I found the books neatly and correctly kept by Comp. Cooke, the S. E., who deserves much credit for his excellent system of performing his duties. As on previous occasions, I spent a pleasant evening with our Kincardine Companions, who not only do their work well, but entertain their visitors in a very happy manner. R. E. Comp. Martyn represented this Chapter at last Grand Chapter.

THE MALLOCH, No. 66, Clinton.—Having made numerous enquiries relative to this Chapter without receiving any satisfactory information, I visited Seaforth on March 25th and spent some time with E. Comp. Duff, the Z, from whom I did not receive a very encouraging account. He called an emergency meeting for April 3rd, which I attended ; the attendance of members was fair, but there seems to be a lack of interest which I fear cannot be revived easily. There are 25 members on the roll, with an average attendance of 10 at the five meetings held during the year. The assets are given at \$100 (presumably paraphernalia), and liabilities nil. There are no members over one year in arrears, no bank deposits, and no funds with the Treasurer. They consider the future prospects not very promising. No representation at Grand Chapter last year.

LEBANON, No. 84, Wingham, meets on the first Wednesday of the month. During the year this Chapter held 5 regular and 3 emergency meetings, although they have not met since installing the officers in

January. All the degrees were worked, two by the Z., and two by the P.Z. They had an average attendance of 10 members out of 22 on the roll. The collections by the S.E. are handed to the Treasurer and by him deposited in his own name. The dues are \$3.00 per annum, and \$1.50 for non-resident members. All members are clear on the books except one who is over four years in arrears. The cash assets are \$38.93 and liabilities \$50. The furniture is valued at \$300, but not insured. I endeavored to arrange a visit in the early part of the year, but owing to illness of the S. E. and his absence from home my letters remained unanswered till June 16th when he wrote me, "have no work, and our Chapter is in a state by no means prosperous,—could not advise a visit." Later he writes: "Have every hope that after the hot weather we will have more work to do and no doubt will be able to render a good account of the Chapter." With the able staff of officers and the abundance of material in the quarries, I see no reason why the hopes of the S. E. should not be realized. There was no representation at the last Grand Chapter.

EXETER, No. 85, Exeter, meets on the first Tuesday of each month. I visited this Chapter on April 14th, and was pleased to see a marked improvement, not only in the work but also in the enthusiasm of the members. I witnessed the M.M.M. and P.M. degrees worked by the Z., E. Comp. Eckert. The number of members on the roll is 24. During the year there were 9 regular, and 3 emergency, meetings, with an average attendance of 10 members. The work done has been M. M. M., 3; P. M., 3; M. E. M., 3; and R. A., 3; all by the Z. The funds collected by S. E. are delivered to the Treasurer, and deposited in his own name. The dues are \$2 per annum. There is 1 member over one year in arrears, 1 over two years, 2 over three years, and 1 over four years. The cash assets are \$75; liabilities nil; and furniture valued at \$150. The books are neatly and correctly kept. The future prospects are encouraging. The Chapter was represented at last Grand Chapter by the Grand Supt. of the district as proxy.

I issued a dispensation to Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24, Stratford, to attend divine service on June 28th. I am pleased to find harmony existing throughout the district, but would like to see more energy displayed by some of the Chapters. I find where the fathers continue to labor prosperity exists, but when they retire from the heat and burden of the day, the Chapters begin to languish, showing there are always some designs to explain or material to be proved. While the founders have the ability they should continue in the good cause. I have again to return thanks to the Companions of Huron District for the various fraternal welcomes they have given me.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. BAKER,
Grand Supt. Huron District.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Toronto District. This being the largest district in the Province, consisting of no less than 13 live and 2 dead Chapters, spreading over four great counties, I felt at the outset that I could accomplish more good by visiting every Chapter, than holding Chapters

of Instruction in different parts of the district. The two dead Chapters mentioned above, I am pleased to say, have taken a new lease of life, more especially Seymour Chapter, Bradford; Spry Chapter, of Alliston, I hope will show a much better report before the next meeting of Grand Chapter. During my Masonic year now closing I have recommended petition for a new Chapter to be called St. John's, at North Bay, and dispensation was granted by M. Ex. the G. Z, the early part of this month. I have also recommended that dispensation be granted to Georgian Chapter, No. 56, Owen Sound, to install the officers on the 18th Nov. last, and dispensation for Orient Chapter, No. 79, Toronto, for election of officers, their regular meeting falling on Christmas day, which was also granted. Before closing, I think great praise is due to M. E. Comp. D. Spry, P. G. Z., and other members of Signet Chapter, Barrie, for their great kindness in not only starting the new Chapter at North Bay, but for their united effort in doing their part to resurrect Seymour Chapter, Bradford.

ST. ANDREW'S AND ST. JOHN'S, No. 4, Meets at Toronto-street Hall, Toronto.—This Chapter has a membership of 96. The average attendance, exclusive of visitors, is 17. I visited on the 20th February, 1891; on the occasion of my visit no degrees were exemplified. During the year Z. has exemplified the two Royal Arch degrees; the H. two Past Master's, and two Most E. M., and the J. two Mark Master's. Ten regular convocations have been held. The condition of the S. E.'s books is first class; the condition of the Treasurer's is good. The cash is paid over promptly to the Treasurer, and deposited in the bank to the credit of Joseph King, the Treasurer. The dues outstanding over a year are \$40.00. There are two Companions in arrears over one year; over two, eight; over three, six; over four, two. The furniture is valued at \$700; is insured for \$500. An inventory is kept. The assets are \$1,074.89; the liabilities are \$92.25. The hall is suitable. The Chapter was represented at Grand Chapter by proxy, and the prospects of the Chapter are good.

KING SOLOMON'S, No. 8, meets at Toronto.—This Chapter has a membership of 137; the average attendance, exclusive of visitors, is 19. I visited on 4th February, 1891. During the year Z. has exemplified the M. M. M., P. M., M. E. M. and Royal Arch degrees; the H. the M. M. M., P. M. and M. E. M.; the J. the M. M. M. and P. M.; the P. Z. has exemplified the Royal Arch. Ten regular convocations have been held, and 3 emergent. The condition of the S. E.'s books and those of the Treasurer's is first-class. The cash is paid over promptly to the Treasurer and deposited in the bank to the credit of Treasurer. The dues outstanding over a year are \$174.00. There are 17 Companions in arrears over one year; over two years, 17; over three, 2; over four, 2. The furniture is valued at \$—, and is insured for \$—; an inventory is kept; the assets are \$1,933.00; the liabilities are \$—; the hall is suitable. The Chapter was represented at Grand Chapter by Ex. Comp. Robert Oliver. The prospects of the Chapter are good.

MANITOU, No. 27, meets at the Temple, Collingwood.—This Chapter has a membership of 33; the average attendance, exclusive of visitors, is 12. I visited on 6th February, 1891. On the occasion of my visit I installed the officers, assisted by R. E. Comp. John Nettleton. During the year Z. has exemplified the P. M., M. E. M. and Royal Arch degrees. The P. Z. has exemplified The Mark. Four regular convocations have been held, 8 have been missed for the reason that the hall was destroyed by fire, and had no place suitable till they moved into the

new Temple. The condition of the S.E. and Treasurer's books is first-class. The cash is paid over promptly to the Treasurer and deposited in the bank to the credit of Ex. Comp. E. R. Carpenter. The dues outstanding over a year are \$75.00. There are 16 Companions in arrears over one year; over two, 9; over three, 7. The furniture is valued at \$152.00, is insured for \$150.00; an inventory is kept; the assets are \$186.34; the liabilities, none; the hall is suitable. The Chapter was represented at Grand Chapter by Ex. Comp. W. T. Toner. The prospects of the Chapter are good.

SIGNET, No. 34.—Meets at Barrie.—This Chapter has a membership of 55. The average attendance, exclusive of visitors, is 10. I visited on the 14th April, 1891. On the occasion of my visit the degrees were exemplified; the quality of the work of the Z. is first class; of the H., good; and of the P.S., good. During the year the Z. has exemplified the Royal Arch degrees, and the H., the M.E. degrees, the P.Z. having exemplified the M.E. and M.M. Twelve regular convocations have been held. The condition of the S. E. and Treasurer's books is faultless. The cash is paid over promptly to the Treasurer and deposited in the bank to the credit of the Treasurer. The dues outstanding over a year, \$100. There are Companions in arrears over two years, 23; over three, 12; over four, 9; over five, 6. The furniture is valued at \$300. An inventory is not kept. The assets are \$500. The hall is suitable. The Chapter was represented at Grand Chapter by V.E. Comp. R. E. Fletcher, and E. Comp. S. J. Sanford. The prospects of the Chapter are good.

SEYMOUR, No. 38, meets at Bradford.—This Chapter has a membership of 13. I visited this town on Sept. 11th, 1890, Feb. 3rd and April 16th, 1891. During the year, 5 M. M. M., 5 P. M., 5 M. E. M., and 5 R. A. Degrees were exemplified by M. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, P.G.Z., R. E. Comp. J. McL. Stephenson, R. E. Comp. D. F. McWatt, V. E. Comp. R. J. Fraser, all of Signet Chapter, Barrie. The quality of the work is first-class. Two regular convocations have been held. The condition of the S. E.'s and Treasurer's books is good. The cash has been paid over promptly to Ex. Comp. H. S. Broughton, who will hold the funds until the next election of officers in December. The furniture is valued at \$450, and is insured for \$400. An inventory is kept, and the hall is suitable. The prospects of the Chapter are now, I am pleased to say, very good.

GEORGIAN, No. 56, meets at Owen Sound.—This Chapter has a membership of 39. The average attendance, exclusive of visitors, is 12. I visited on 20th January, 1891. Six regular convocations have been held. Six have been missed for the reason that there was no quorum. The condition of the S. E.'s and Treasurer's books is first-class. The cash is paid over promptly to the Treasurer and is deposited in the bank to the credit of Trustees. The dues outstanding over a year are \$100. There are 5 Companions in arrears over one year, 10 over two, 3 over three, 3 over four, 2 over five, 9 over six. The furniture is valued at \$350, and is insured for \$250. An inventory is kept; the assets are \$600; the liabilities are \$50; the hall is suitable. The Chapter was represented at Grand Chapter by proxy. The prospects of the Chapter are, I am sorry I have to say, not bright, for the following reason:—Some Past Masters of the Blue Lodges are not ambitious enough to take the higher degrees, and do not forget to prejudice the minds of the new Master Masons, who, if left alone, would seek further light in Masonry and build up the Chapter.

DORIC, No. 60, meets at Newmarket.—This Chapter has a membership of 25. The average attendance exclusive of visitors is 12. I visited on 3rd February, 1891. During the year Z. has exemplified the M. M., P. M., and M. E. degrees; the H., the M. M. and M. E.; the J., none; the P. Z., the R. A. Seven regular convocations have been held. Five have been missed for the reason that there was no quorum. The condition of the S. E.'s books is first-class, and of the Treasurer's, good. The cash is paid over promptly to the Treasurer, and his receipt taken for same. The dues outstanding over a year are \$30. There are 2 Companions in arrears over one year; over two, 3; over three, 4; over four, 1. The furniture is valued at \$100; not insured; an inventory is not kept; the assets are \$200; the liabilities are nil; the hall is not suitable. The Chapter was represented at Grand Chapter by Ex. Comp. T. H. Brunton. The prospects of the Chapter are very fair.

YORK, No. 62, meets at North Toronto (late Eglington).—This Chapter has a membership of 37. The average attendance exclusive of visitors is 11. I visited on 5th February, 1891. On the occasion of my visit the Royal Arch degree was exemplified by Ex. Comp. Geo. Reeves. The quality of the work of the Z. and P.S. is very good. During the year Z. has exemplified the M.E.M. and R.A degrees; the H., the M.M.; the J., the M.M. and P.M.; the P.Z. has exemplified the P.M. and M.E.M. 10 Regular convocations have been held. The condition of the S.E. and Treasurer's books is good. The dues outstanding over a year are \$63.00. There are 4 companions in arrears over one year; over two, 4; over four, 1; over five, 2. The furniture is valued at \$95.00. An inventory is kept. The assets are small amount to our credit. The hall is suitable. The Chapter was represented at Grand Chapter by Ex. Comp. W. Roaf. The prospects of the Chapter are very good.

ST. PAUL'S, No. 65, meets at Toronto.—This Chapter has a membership of 88. The average attendance exclusive of visitors is 25. I visited on 10th September, 1890. On the occasion of my visit the Royal Arch degree was exemplified by Ex. Comp. B. Allen. The quality of the work of the Z., H., J. and P.S. is first-class. During the year Z. has exemplified the R.A. degree; the H., the P.M. and M.E.M.; the J. the M.M.M. Eleven Regular convocations have been held. The condition of the S.E. and Treasurer's books is first-class. The cash is paid over promptly to the Treasurer and deposited in the bank to the credit of St. Paul's Chapter, No. 65. The dues outstanding over a year are \$20.00. There are 6 companions in arrears over one year. The furniture is valued at \$273.00; is insured for \$250.00. An inventory is kept. The assets are \$779.39; the liabilities are \$—. The hall is suitable. The Chapter was represented at Grand Chapter by Ex. Comp. B. Allen. The prospects of the Chapter are excellent, could not be better. This Chapter is, without a doubt, the best worked Chapter in the District.

ORIENT, No. 75, meets at Toronto.—This Chapter has a membership of 61. The average attendance exclusive of visitors is 15. I visited on 19th February, 1891. On the occasion of my visit the M. M. and P. M. degrees were exemplified by the H. and J. The quality of the work of the Z. and H. is good; of the J., very poor; of the P. S., good. During the year the Z. has exemplified the R. A. degree; the H., the M. M. and the M. E. M.; the J., the P. M. Twelve regular convocations have been held. The condition of the S. E.'s and Treasurer's books is good. The cash is paid over promptly to the Treasurer and is deposited in the bank to the credit of Ex. Comp. Ira A. Bates

and the E. Z. The dues outstanding over a year are \$87. There are 8 Companions in arrears over one year; over two, 6; over three, 3. The furniture is valued at \$145; an inventory is kept; the assets are \$300; the hall is suitable. The Chapter was represented at Grand Chapter by Ex. Comp. Ira A. Bates. The prospects of the Chapter are very good.

OCCIDENT, No. 77, meets at Toronto.—This Chapter has a membership of 58. The average attendance exclusive of visitors is 14. I visited on 8th September, 1891. Twelve regular convocations have been held. The condition of the S. E.'s and Treasurer's books is first-class. The cash is paid over promptly to the Treasurer and is deposited in the bank to the credit of the Treasurer. The dues outstanding over a year are \$175. There are 15 Companions in arrears over one year; over two, 8; over three, 4; over four, 1; over five, 2. The furniture is valued at \$100; is insured for \$100; an inventory is kept; the assets are \$100; the hall is suitable. The Chapter was represented at Grand Chapter by proxy. The prospects of the Chapter are fair.

MCPHERSON, No. 86, meets at Meaford.—This Chapter has a membership of 27. The average attendance exclusive of visitors is 10. I visited on 8th January, 1891, and installed the officers. On the occasion of my other visits the M.M.M., P.M. and M.E.M. degrees were exemplified by Ex. Comp. John H. Dickinson. The quality of the work of the Z., H., J., and P.S. is very good. During the year Z. has exemplified the M.M., P.M. and M.E.M. degrees; the H., part of the M.; the J., part of the P.M.; and the P.Z. has exemplified the R.A. Ten regular convocations have been held. The condition of the S.E. books is first-class, and of the Treasurer's is good. The cash is paid over promptly to the Treasurer and deposited in the bank to the credit of the E.Z. and Treasurer. The dues outstanding over a year are \$16.00. There are 4 Companions in arrears over one year; over two, 2. The furniture is valued at \$200.00; is insured for \$200.00; an inventory is kept; the assets are \$291.50; the liabilities are \$—; the hall is suitable. The Chapter was represented at Grand Chapter by R.E. Comp. John F. Mathews. The prospects of the Chapter are very good.

ANTIQUITY, No. 91, meets at Toronto.—The Chapter has a membership of 56. The average attendance, exclusive of visitors, is 10. I visited on 9th September, 1890. During the year Z. has exemplified 13 degrees: the H., 2; the J., 1; the P. Z., 10. Thirteen regular convocations have been held, and 1 emergent. The condition of the S.E.'s and Treasurer's books is first-class. The cash is paid over promptly to the Treasurer, and deposited in bank to the credit of the Treasurer. The furniture is valued at \$175; is insured for \$350; an inventory is kept; the assets are \$281 55; the liabilities are \$86; the hall is suitable. The Chapter was represented at Grand Chapter by Ex. Comp. W. R. Cavell. The prospects of the Chapter are very good.

SPRY, No. 92, Alliston.—This Chapter has been dead for years. I had tried to bring them into line by writing and without success. On the recommendation of M.E. Comp. Daniel Spry, of Barrie, P.G.Z., I went to Alliston on April 15th last, and after hard day's work hunting up the dead companions in Alliston and Cookstown, I found the majority of them did not wish the Warrant removed, they promised to re-organize in May. The great fire which visited that town at the time destroyed the books. Ex. Comp. D. K. Ross, of Cookstown, the Z. of Spry Chapter, wrote me on June 2nd saying: "I am sorry we have not

had a meeting yet, all our books were burned at the big fire, we intended having a meeting the next week. They all seem knocked out just now, some of the Companions are away from town. I am sorry to make such a bad report."

TUSCAN, No. 95, meets at Brampton. —This Chapter has a membership of 47. The average attendance, exclusive of visitors, is 15. I visited on the 9th February, 1891. On the occasion of my visit, the P..M. and M.E.M. degrees were exemplified by Z., H., and J. The quality of the work of the Z., H., J. and P.S. is very good. During the year Z. has exemplified the M. E. M. and R. A. degrees; the H., the M. E. M. and the M. : the J., the M. and P. M. Eleven regular convocations have been held, and one emergent. The condition of the S. E.'s and Treasurer's books is first-class. The cash is paid over promptly to the Treasurer. The dues outstanding over a year are \$50. There is 1 Companion in arrears over one year; over two, 6; over three, 4. The furniture is not insured; an inventory is not kept; the hall is suitable. The Chapter was represented at Grand Chapter by proxy. The prospects of the Chapter are fair.

I am pleased to report that Royal Arch Masonry is in a healthy condition, and peace, love and harmony prevail all over the district.

All of which is fraternally submitted. ,

JOHN F. MATHEWS,
Grand Supt. Toronto District.

June 30th, 1891.

ONTARIO DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

In submitting to you the following report, and rendering an account of my stewardship for the term now ending, I very much regret to state that the severe loss of my wife within ten days from the date of my election as Grand Superintendent for this district in July last, induced me to send in my resignation to M. Ex. the Grand Z. in August last, because I felt unable to attend properly to the necessary duties pertaining to this honorable and important position. This resignation was not accepted, however, R. Ex. Comp. David McLellan having replied in remarks of earnest sympathy and condolence in my sad bereavement, and advising me to continue in office for the term and perform my functions in the best possible manner. This I decided to do. I fully intended to have visited every Chapter in the district at the time of my election, as that is the season of the year when I can best be spared from my business occupation. In the spring and summer months it is utterly impossible for me to leave my business. Consequently it is with deep regret that I am compelled to state the impossibility of being able to visit all the different Chapters in my district, and I ask the indulgence of Grand Chapter for my shortcomings during my term of office under the painful circumstances related. I may remark, however, that I have communicated frequently with officers of all of the different Chapters in my jurisdiction, and from reports received in nearly all cases, the indications are that Capitular Masonry is gradually becoming more popular, and the small increase of membership during the past year in the Ontario district is due rather to the excessive hard times than lack of enthusiasm. I am fully convinced that Midland Chapter would contain six additional members, at least, had the past been an ordinary prosperous year. I am led to believe this is the case with every Chapter in the district. During the

year I am pleased to state that Excelsior, No. 45, at Colborne, which last year was reported by the sub-committee as in a dying, or even dead, state, was resuscitated in January of the present year, chiefly through the energetic efforts of Ex. Comps. Payne and Wilson, and a few other enthusiastic Companions. The result, as will be seen on referring to the report of that Chapter, showing a total of 21 members in good standing to-day, and the Scribe E. writes very encouragingly, stating his assurance that Excelsior Chapter will stand second to none at no distant day in the Ontario District. It will be seen that every Chapter in the district has made some addition to its new membership, and R. E. Comp. Howse has informed me that he expects several initiations in the near future for Keystone Chapter, Whitby, which was reported last year by the sub-committee as being almost dormant. It is very satisfactory to me to be able to report that the First Principals in most of the Chapters are well skilled in the work of the different degrees and are able to confer them. This is particularly the case with Corinthian Chapter, Peterboro'; Excelsior Chapter, Colborne; Midland Lindsay; St. John's Chapter, Cobourg; and Victoria Chapter, Port Hope. I am also informed that Pentalpha Chapter, Oshawa; and Keystone Chapter, Whitby; are making great progress in this direction, and on the whole I consider Ontario District will soon show signs of improvement, and awaken from its state of lethargy which has been too noticeable in the past, and compare very favorably with other districts under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada. In order to facilitate the rendering of reports of subordinate Chapters as full and complete as possible, I have caused to be printed and mailed to the Scribe E. of each Chapter a blank return sheet, which has been filled up and returned promptly. I considered this course necessary from the fact of my being unable to visit each Chapter officially, for reasons above given. Consequently I am in a position to give a detailed statement of the condition of each Chapter. During the year a dispensation was granted to Pentalpha Chapter, No. 28, Oshawa, to install Ex. Comp. G. J. Scott as H.; he not having served as J. Also to the same Chapter to install Comp. Q. McNider as Z., he not having served as either H. or J. It is to be regretted that almost every Chapter in this district allow their membership to be burdened with Companions who are in arrears for dues. This state of things is injurious to the Chapters and unfair to the members who pay their dues promptly, and I would strongly urge that all members that are two years or over in arrears should be removed from the roll. Instead of being a source of strength to continue such members on the roll in order to swell the returns, it really weakens the vitality of the Chapter. I now append my annual report for each Chapter in my jurisdiction.

PENTALPHA, No. 28, Oshawa.—This Chapter has done remarkably good work, and shown great progress during the past year. The new material added is of the very best. Another application is now awaiting the next convocation, and several more are promised. The outlook is very favorable indeed; all the new members are active workers. The new list includes four Masters of Blue Lodges. This state of affairs is certainly very encouraging to the Oshawa members, particularly as this prosperity has undoubtedly been brought about by the removal of the Chapter from Bowmanville to Oshawa, and R. Ex. Comp R. McCaw deserves credit for his energies in bringing it back. The present Z., Ex. Comp. G. J. Scott, and Comp. L. K. Murtin as Scribe E., with the other energetic assistant officers, are sufficient to guarantee continued

prosperity to this Chapter. The First Principal can work all the degrees in a very satisfactory manner. Total number of members, 29; increase during year, 8. All the degrees have been conferred on the new members. There have been 12 meetings held during the year: 11 regular and 1 emergent; average attendance of members, 15. There are no arrearages. Returns have been made to Grand Chapter up to May 31st, 1891. Financial state of Chapter is good and future prospects excellent.

KEYSTONE, No. 35, Whitby.—For the past two years this Chapter has been semi-dormant, owing to the members devoting their energies to the improvement of the Blue Lodge, which has so progressed that the Chapter has the promise of a number of candidates this coming fall. It is to be hoped this will be realized, and there is no reason why a much better showing cannot be made in the near future, if united action is taken by the members, which, I am informed by R. E. Comp. Howse, is fully intended.

The Chapter is free from debt. The work of the degrees is divided among the three principals, who can perform all the work without the aid of a ritual. The future prospects of the Chapter are very good. The first Principal of this Chapter for ensuing year is Ex. Comp. A. M. Ross, and R. Ex. Comp. W. R. Howse, is Scribe E. The capabilities of those worthy officers, ensures success to the Chapter. The present membership is 27. Two new members have received the degrees of M.M.M. and P.M. There have been only 3 regular meetings held during the year. The returns have been sent to Grand Chapter up to May 31st, 1891, and there is still money in the treasury. The Z. can work the Royal Arch Degree very well. Insurance, \$200. On the whole I consider this Chapter in a much better condition than last year, and I am assured that the new officers will not allow it to languish.

CORINTHIAN, No. 36, Peterborough.—This may be considered the banner Chapter of my district (as it should be), and although the result of the year's work is not as bright as could be expected, no doubt, on account of the exceptional dull times, yet the prospects for the future are re-assuring. Instead of an increase in membership, I regret to have to report a decrease, but there are so many members of high merit and unflinching energy belonging to the Chapter, and the present Z. Ex. Comp. R. E. Wood, with his assistant officers, are men of such excellent capacity, and thoroughly conversant in the working of all the degrees, that success must attend their efforts. I visited this Chapter on the 21st April, on which occasion the new officers were installed by R. Ex. Comp. Hall, assisted by other Ex. Comps., and I am pleased to state, the ceremonies were carried through very efficiently, without the aid of rituals. On this same day many members of St. Paul's Chapter, of Toronto, visited Corinthian Chapter in a body, and presented a fine appearance on being introduced.

The social banquet in the evening was one of the happiest I have ever had the honor of attending, and will long be remembered by all the Companions present. I would like to see more friendly visits of this nature, between Chapters in Ontario District, I am convinced they would tend to promote the interests and welfare of Royal Arch Masonry throughout the district. The total membership of this Chapter, at the present, is 49. There have been 1 affiliation, and 2 new members added, who have received all the degrees. Resignations, 4; suspension for non-payment of dues, 1; deceased, 1; number of degrees conferred during year, 9; meetings held, 10, regular; average attendance, 14;

number of members over 12 months in arrears, 6; total of arrearages, \$23. The Grand Chapter returns have been sent in to May 31st, 1891. The financial state of Chapter is good, and future prospects excellent. The Z. can work all the degrees. Insurance on furniture, &c., \$700. The books are well and neatly kept by the present efficient Scribe E., Comp. T. E. Bradburn.

VICTORIA, No. 37, Port Hope.—It certainly is discouraging to Grand Chapter, also to those members of this Chapter who have the welfare of Capitular Masonry at heart, to see the report of the Grand Superintendent represent it in a retrogressive state, but I feel compelled to present the facts and condition of each Chapter as I know them. There is no doubt the town of Port Hope has not possessed as much prosperity latterly as in former years, caused by the removal of the Grand Trunk repair shops to Lindsay, and the prevailing depression in business generally. During the past two or three years this has caused the town to be comparatively dead and has affected the condition of the Chapter to a great extent. I conferred with R. E. Comp. Traves, on a business visit to Port Hope, and was informed that several members had fallen in arrears, 3 had resigned, and 3 had been called to their last home during the year, and the continued hard times had prevented many intending candidates from joining the Chapter. The total number of members on the roll at this date is 26; new members during the year, 3; decrease during year, 3. Two of the new members have taken all the degrees, and one the Mark Degree only; number of meetings held, 7—6 regular and 1 emergent; average attendance, 12; amount paid for relief, \$51.36; total arrearages, \$122.35; number of members over 12 months in arrears, 7. Returns to Grand Chapter have been made up to May 31st, 1891. The financial state of Chapter is good and prospects fair. The First Principal, Ex. Comp. W. J. Robertson, can work the degrees fairly well with a little assistance, and I am led to believe this Chapter will present a healthier showing in the near future.

EXCELSIOR, No. 45, Colborne.—This Chapter, which was almost, if not actually, dormant for so long a time, and was recommended by my two predecessors in office to show cause why its charter should not be withdrawn, was resuscitated in January last by the renewed exertions of a few stirring Companions in Colborne, Trenton and vicinity, and is now to all appearances in a fair way towards prosperity and success, thus showing conclusively that it is prudent in some instances to use forbearance and caution before using the pruning hook or withdrawing a charter. The installation of new officers was performed on 12th March, 1891, Ex. Comp. G. E. R. Wilson as First Principal, and Comp. Brown as S. E.. The Chapter was composed of 9 members at the time of its reorganization in January last; the total number at this time is 21, an increase of 12 members in five months, 2 being affiliations and 10 initiations, 9 of whom have been exalted to the R. A. degree, and 1 having taken the Mark Degree only. Eight meetings have been held during the year 1891—3 regular and 5 emergent; average attendance, 13; there are no arrearages. The state of the Chapter financially is good, and future prospects first-class. Ex. Comp. Wilson can work all the degrees, and it is quite evident to me that Excelsior Chapter will, in the near future become one of the best in this district. The First Principal is a painstaking officer, who, since the reorganization of the Chapter, with several worthy assistants, have evinced the greatest possible interest in its progress and advancement.

ST. JOHN'S, No. 48, Cobourg.—I regret to report this Chapter as having made very little progress during the past year.

I did not have an opportunity of making an official visit to any of their meetings, but conferred with ex-Comps. Lightburne and Craig during a business visit to Cobourg, and learned the reason of few new members being added to the roll, was on account of the excessive hard times, financially.

The number of members on the roll at this date is 27; increase during the year, 1. There were 10 meetings held during the year, 8 regular and 2 emergent. Average attendance, 12: arrearages, none. The furniture and paraphernalia is well insured. Grand Chapter returns have been sent in up to May 31st, 1891. State of Chapter, financially, is good, and the future prospects are good, especially in the event of better times. The first Principal ex-Comp. R. J. Craig is an indefatigable worker, and well skilled in the working of all the degrees, and I feel convinced, with an improved condition of trade, and a bountiful harvest, that St. John's Chapter will make sure and certain advances, and enable my successor in office to render a favorable report for the next Grand Chapter Convocation.

MIDLAND, No. 94, Lindsay.—Lindsay is not a manufacturing town, and is entirely dependant on the farming population for its success or otherwise. Business during the past year has been unusually dull, on account of low prices and bad crops, and this accounts for the apparent lethargic condition of this Chapter.

I know there are several blue lodge members anxious to join us, the only hindrance being "lack of funds," and as soon as business revives in this section, I am positive the roll of this Chapter will increase. It has very efficient officers, who are well skilled in the work of the different degrees, the three Principals, ex-Comp. Hullett, Z., ex-Comp. R. H. Sylvester, H., and ex-Comp. G. M. H. Baker, J., being exceptionally well posted. The Z. can work all the degrees without assistance. Nearly all the other members of this Chapter are very enthusiastic Masons, and have the success of the Chapter at heart. I have attended every meeting held during the year, of which there has been ten. My official visit was made on the 18th June. There has been an increase of two new members, and one resignation during the year. Number of members on the roll at the present being 33. The average attendance is 12. There are 4 members over 12 months in arrears. Total amount of arrearages, \$34. Returns have been made to Grand Chapter up to May 31st, 1891. Amount of insurance on furniture and paraphernalia, \$150. Comp. G. S. Patrick, S.E., is a very exceptional efficient officer. His books are neat and beautifully kept, and he is a credit to the Chapter. The financial condition is good, and prospects of the Chapter excellent.

At the outset of my year, I was intending to visit every Chapter in my district, at least once, and thoroughly post myself with the qualifications of the different officers, especially as to the working of the degrees; and I very much regret that circumstances, as related, over which I had no control, prevented my carrying out my intentions, and I crave the indulgence of Grand Chapter in consequence. However, from the very few visits I have made, and the full returns furnished me by the several Chapters, I can come to no other conclusion than that the district has made sure and distinct progress, perhaps not as much as we could wish, but still of such a decided advance, that the Com-

panions of Capitular Masonry in Ontario District, cannot feel ashamed of the results.

I cannot close without expressing my gratification at being able to report so favorably of matters concerning Royal Arch Masonry in Ontario District, in every instance I am informed of the utmost harmonious relationship between officers and Companions generally, and all the leading officers speak hopeful of the future, and I thank the Companions generally for the many expressions of kindness and good will which I have received from all quarters. My numerous imperfections have been passed over without comment, as far as I am aware, and I am sorry, indeed, that the Companions had not more opportunities of forming an opinion as to whether I possessed any good qualities or not. I can truly state that it is a matter of very deep regret to myself, that I have not been able to make myself personally acquainted with every officer in the district, and I hope my successor in office will be able to duplicate his visits during the coming year, which will, in a measure, compensate the Chapters for my seeming indifference. I trust the harmony and prosperity which prevails in this district may ever continue.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

BARTHOLOMEW DINGLE,
Grand Supt. Ontario District.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

I herewith submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in district No. 10.

ST. MARK'S, No. 26, Trenton.—I installed the officers of St. Mark's Chapter, No. 26, Trenton, at their regular convocation in February. The Past Z., Ex. Comp. Wilkins, has been the moving spirit in this Chapter since its reorganization, and has been self-sacrificing in his endeavors to build up a successful Chapter in Trenton. The present Z. is a painstaking officer, and has as good a staff of officers as can be selected from a limited membership. The resuscitation of the Chapter at Colborne will weaken St. Mark's, and lessen the number of applicants, as their source of supply is largely the same. The Chapter meets in the Blue Lodge Room, and has all the requisites for conferring the degrees. I had no opportunity of seeing the officers work other than the opening and closing ceremonies, which were faultlessly performed.

MOUNT SINAI, No. 44, Napanee.—I visited Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 44, Napanee, at their regular convocation in December, when I was assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Jas. Walters, in installing the officers for the ensuing year. This is a model Chapter, both as regards its membership and the attendance, which is the highest average in the district. The books are admirably kept, and moneys promptly paid to Treasurer. The Chapter meets in the Blue Lodge room, and has a full equipment for conferring the degrees. Considerable funds on hand, and no liabilities. Arrears for dues reduced to a minimum. Ex. Comp. S. Warner confers the R. A. degree, and R. Ex. Comp. Walters the subordinate degrees. Convocations are regularly held, and the Chapter is in a progressive condition.

MOIRA, No. 7, Belleville.—I installed the officers of Moira Chapter, No. 7, Belleville, at their regular convocation in January, in which pleasing duty I was assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Farley. This Chapter is

the strongest, numerically and financially, in the district. Ex. Comp. W. Webster, the Z, is an admirable worker, and is assisted by the best staff of officers that has graced the Chapter for many years. The convocations are regularly held, the average attendance has increased, owing to the faithful and impressive rendition of the esoteric work. The Chapter meets in its own hall, which has recently been refurnished and paid for, at a cost of \$600. The books are well kept, and moneys paid to Treasurer at the convenience of the Scribe. There are 88 members on the roll, and 9 exaltations during the past year. The Chapter has \$3000 in shares in the Masonic property in which they meet.

PRINCE EDWARD, No. 31, Picton, I have not visited, I received but one notice during the year. I have during the month of June been corresponding with an active and faithful Past Z., who gives me a gratifying account of the Chapter; that new energy has been infused into it, and a revival of interest by the Companions has taken place, and he predicts a bright and prosperous future for the Chapter.

I can safely report that Capitular Masonry is in a healthy condition in the 10th District. Our four Chapters were represented at the last meeting of Grand Chapter, and I am of the opinion that the future would be more promising for this section, and R.A. Masonry in general, and I am sure secure a more numerous attendance of the presiding officers, if an exemplification of the degrees could be arranged for under the direction of Grand Chapter. Another matter which I deem of sufficient importance for Grand Chapter to move in, is the preparing and issuing of an authorized R.A. Installation ceremony.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

A. MCGINNIS,
Grand Supt. P.E. District.

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

We often enter upon the duties of an office, forgetful that there will come a time when an account will require to be rendered of the deeds done. When entering upon the duties of Grand Superintendent of Central District, I was prompted solely by the hope that somewhat might be effected for the good of Capitular Masonry in the district, and it is with some degree of pleasure that I now submit my report, because, although but little, yet there have been marks of increased interest, which must tend to add to the interest already enlisted. During the past year there has been an increase of five members over last year's report, one Chapter resuscitated, and all looking forward for still greater prosperity.

ANCIENT FRONTENAC AND CATARAQUI, No. 1, Kingston.—This is my mother Chapter, as well as my step-mother, and has been very successful, the officers performing their several duties in a manner creditable to the Order, having held nine regular and four emergent meetings, conferring the intermediate degrees, and exalting nine new members, and receiving two joining members, while one was suspended, and five withdrew, showing a total membership of ninety-four, or an advance of five over last year. This Chapter I officially visited on 18th February, 1891, and installed the officers for the ensuing year, the 20th May, 1891.

CARLETON, No. 16, Ottawa.—This Chapter shows a good record, having held 9 regular and 5 emergent meetings, with an average attendance of 18; received 8 new members, while 4 were suspended; 4 with-

drew and 3 died, making a total membership of 73, which, owing to the close sifting and sad cases of death, make a decrease of 3; but the excellent manner in which the affairs of the Chapter is managed by the Principals and officers is a sure index of future prosperity. Upon my official visit the 20th March the degree of Mark Master was conferred, the work proving that the Principals and other officers, although newly installed, were well qualified to discharge their duties. The Chapter is also well equipped with the very best of furniture, jewels, robes, etc.

GRENVILLE, No. 22, Prescott.—This Chapter has also been able to shew good work, having held 10 regular and 1 emergent meeting, receiving 2 new members, with total membership of 42, or an increase of 2. I have not had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter, why, I can hardly say, except it be that I was not kept informed of their meetings as required by Constitution, and therefore found myself unable to arrange for an evening.

PEMBROKE, No. 58, Pembroke.—This Chapter was among the number from whom it was recommended to recall the warrant, but after much correspondence I went to Pembroke on the 25th September, and the next day with the assistance of R. E. Companions Burritt and White, found all the Royal Arch Masons in the town, together with those who desired to become such, and held an informal meeting in the office of R. Ex. Comp. Burritt, which resulted in the resuscitation of the Chapter, after which a meeting was held, petitions received and dispensations procured from Most Ex. Z. to install the Z. and H., who had not served as H. or J., and on 10th November, accompanied by V. Ex. Comp. J. Adams and Ex. Comp. G. Sommerville, again went to Pembroke, conferred the four degrees upon six candidates who presented themselves, and afterwards had election of officers, installing Companion S. E. Mitchell, Z.; G. E. Joseph, H.; and R. W. Kenning, J.; ceased our labors at 5 a.m., considering that Pembroke Chapter had officers second to none in the district, bidding fair to carry on the work with vigor. They have 6 new members and 1 joining, making a total of 17, being an increase of 7.

SUSSEX, No. 59, Brockville.—This Chapter has had a healthy year, having held eleven regular and two emergent meetings, receiving two new members while four withdrew, making a decrease of two, leaving a membership of 43. I had the pleasure of installing the officers the 23rd January, and their zeal for the Chapter bespoke a bright future. Their room, furniture, robes, jewels, etc., were all in good order, and they performed their work in a very efficient manner.

GRANITE, No. 61, Almonte.—This Chapter has not been as successful during the year as we would desire, having held but one meeting for conferring the intermediate degrees of P.M. and M.E.M., but from assurances given (the Companions residing in Carleton Place promising to aid them), hope has revived and they expect better results during the ensuing year. I regret that it was impossible to make arrangements to visit this Chapter. Their total membership is 26—the same as last year.

MAITLAND, No. 68, North Augusta.—This Chapter has been unfortunate in not having a larger membership resident in the village, which has kept them from holding any regular meetings being only able to hold one emergent when they exalted four to the supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch and lost one member by death, so that their membership will be 22, a decrease of one, but as they have now sufficient in the

village to form a quorum it is expected that the next year will be prolific of good work. As this Chapter only held the one meeting, I had not the pleasure of visiting it.

ST. LAWRENCE, No. 100, Brockville.—This is a new Chapter and has enrolled among its members a number of young men who should add inspiration to the Order, and I expect good results. The Chapter was dedicated by me on the 1st October, which was my first official visit in the district. The same evening installed Ex. Companion E. A. Buckman, H., and Comp. F. A. Staynor, J. of the Chapter, regretting the absence of Comp. Broderick, Z. elect, who therefore has not been installed. They have held twelve regular and one emergent meeting, receiving one new member, making a total of 28 or an increase of one.

I granted dispensations to Granite Chapter of Almonte, and to Sussex and St. Lawrence of Brockville, to attend divine service on Sunday, 21st and 28th June respectively, clothed as Royal Arch Masons.

By the above facts from each Chapter the Grand Chapter will see that Capitular Masonry in Central District has not been dormant, as the membership totals three hundred and forty-five, an increase of five over last year, with good prospects for the future. I again express my gratification with the state of the Order in this district, and to the Companions of the Chapters which I had the pleasure of visiting. I must bear testimony to their many expressions of kindness and the cordial welcome with which I was greeted, causing me to feel that the cords of sympathy which exist between individual Companions and their Chapters, and between the private Chapters and Grand Chapter, are becoming closer and stronger and will not be easily broken.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

A. SHAW,
Grand Supt. Central District.

MANITOBA DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Manitoba District.

I regret, however, that owing to unfortunate circumstances, which I could not foresee, I have been unable to do justice to my position.

PRINCE RUPERT, No. 52, Winnipeg.—It was my intention to have visited this Chapter during the latter half of my term, but owing to the circumstances to which I have referred, the nature of which I have communicated in a separate letter, I have not been able to do so. I learn, however, from visitors and other sources, that the standard of excellency of work has been fully maintained during the past year.

SHUNIAH, No. 82, Port Arthur.—For the same reasons I have been unable to visit this Chapter, but I have obtained the following figures, from which it is evident they have had a very prosperous year. Number of meetings held, 15, and the R. A. degree has been conferred on 12.

GOLDEN, No. 90, Rat Portage.—I cannot say if this Chapter has met at all during the past year, as I have not received any notices, nor a reply to my communications.

VANCOUVER, No. 98, Vancouver.—My remarks, *re* Golden Chapter, No. 90, will also apply in this case.

KEYSTONE, No. 99, Portage-la-Prairie.—I have been a regular attendant at the meetings of this Chapter. The second Principal elect, H. A. Ritchie, has never presented himself for installation, and the office has been filled by Ex. Comp. Newman, Past H. The work has been fairly well done, and the books of Scribe E. are well and neatly kept. The regalia and furniture are fully insured.

CORINTHIAN, No. 101, Boissevain.—I have paid two official visits to this Chapter. The first on January 12th, on which occasion I witnessed the conferring of the M. M., P. M., M. E. M., and R. A. degrees by Ex. Comps. McKay and Rae, and must compliment these officers on the excellence of their work. The second visit was on May 12th, when the R. A. degree was conferred, officers elected and installed. This Chapter has been unfortunate during the past year; owing to the third Principal having left the neighborhood they could not meet unless assisted from Winnipeg or Portage-la-Prairie. The books of the Scribe E. and Treasurer are well kept, and the Chapter is now in good condition.

On Dec. 11th, 1890, I received application through Ex. Comp. Fraser, of Shuniah Chapter, No. 82, Port Arthur, for a dispensation for a Chapter at Sault Ste. Marie. This I returned to Port Arthur for recommendation of Shuniah Chapter. Since then I have not seen the application, but the Grand Scribe E. wrote me that dispensation had been issued and forwarded to Sault Ste. Marie. I have received notices regularly since Chapter was instituted, and gather from them that they have had a large amount of work, and must still have a lot on hand. I understand there is a good lodge there, and that they have a large field to draw from, so that I think a warrant may safely be issued.

I have issued one dispensation to Prince Rupert Chapter, No. 52. to wear regalia at divine service, on Sunday, May 28th, and also recommended the issuing of dispensation to Comps. at Sault Ste. Marie, and to Corinthian Chapter, No. 101, to elect and instal officers on same night, and also to elect H. not having been J.

I much regret that I have not been able to devote more time to R. A. Masonry, but the unfortunate difficulties with which I have had to contend have made it impossible for me to do so, and I ask that Grand Chapter will overlook my shortcomings, as I fully intended visiting all the Chapters, and also attending the coming session of Grand Chapter.

I would, however, respectfully suggest that this district be divided, as I doubt very much if it will be possible to find a Companion who will be able to devote sufficient time to visit all the Chapters, extending from Sault Ste. Marie to the Pacific Coast. Should this meet with approval, I would further suggest that all Chapters east of Manitoba be formed into a separate district, and that the Manitoba District consist of Chapters in Manitoba and the North-West Territories, and if necessary, for the present, British Columbia.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Portage la Prairie, Man.

A. E. J. DURRANT,
Grand Supt. Manitoba District.

REPORT FROM THE GRAND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA, NEAR THE GRAND CHAPTER OF VERMONT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada:

In accordance with the suggestion made by M. E. Grand Z. Hungerford in his last annual address, I take pleasure in submitting the following brief report of the condition of our body in Vermont.

The past year, uneventful in the general acceptance of the term, has been a very prosperous one as to the amount of work done, for the returns made by the subordinate Chapters to the Grand Secretary are much larger than usual, and in the aggregate, I think, the best in our history. This is an indication that the membership of 2249, as reported last year, will be considerably increased, an evidence of financial prosperity, in any event, and, let us hope, of substantial and permanent vigor as well, for there is reason to believe, that in the present as in the past, the Companions are guarding well the outer door, and making use of none but good material. As in previous years, death has been busy in our midst, and the forthcoming volume of proceedings will contain the names of many who have been summoned, among them E. Frank H. Bascom, Grand King, well known in other jurisdictions besides his own; E. John H. Humphreys, Grand Principal Sojourner, and E. Lafayette Soper, Past Grand King, who were prominent in Masonic circles in Vermont, and the Venerable John B. Hollinbeck, for many years Grand Secretary, who died at his home in Burlington last May, aged ninety-nine, having been a Mason for more than three-quarters of a century.

Much to my regret I was unable to be present at the late session of our Grand Chapter on June 12th, although in attendance at the meetings of the other grand bodies held in Burlington the same week. Trustworthy advices, however, give assurance that the convocation was a harmonious and enjoyable one. In addition to the regular business, the new Grand Chapter of Arizona was recommended for recognition, a dispensation issued for a Chapter at Barre, the twenty-sixth on our registry, and the resolution of 1889 on the "Mark question," which has lately occupied the attention of the "powers that be" in this jurisdiction as well as yours, was again brought before the Companions. Respecting this important matter a commendable reform has been made in most of our Chapters, and I know of one that can now exhibit on its book as many Marks as it has members, 83 in number, while previous to the introduction of the resolution it had recorded only three. At the annual election, M. E. Edwin O. Hibbard, who had very acceptably filled the office of Grand High Priest for the customary period, was succeeded by M. E. George W. Wing, of Montpelier, for the past two years Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and E. Comp. Warren G. Reynolds, of Burlington, was re-elected Grand Secretary. All in all it is safe to report Capitular Masonry in Vermont as being in a flourishing and satisfactory condition, and this I have the honor most respectfully to do.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES W. WHITCOMB,
Grand Representative near Vermont.

Proctorsville, Vermont, July 1st, 1891.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. E. Harding, seconded by R. E. Comp. John Ross Robertson, and

Resolved, That the reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts be referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon during the present Convocation of Grand Chapter.

R. E. Comp. David McLellan, Grand Scribe E., submitted his annual cash statement of moneys received during the year, together with the books, etc., and the Grand Treasurer, R. E. Comp. Edward Mitchell, submitted his annual statement of receipts and disbursements with vouchers attached.

CASH STATEMENT.

1891.		1890.	CREDIT.	
To June 30, receipts.....	\$2,611 05	July 2,	By Grand Treasurer.....	\$ 75 00
		" 31,	" "	176 30
		Aug. 30,	" "	31 00
		Sept. 30,	" "	6 40
		Oct. 31,	" "	28 30
		" 31,	" "	200 00
		Nov 20,	" "	75 00
		" 29,	" "	48 10
		Dec. 1,	" "	23 80
		" 31,	" "	76 50
		1891.		
		Jan. 2,	" "	75 00
		Feb 7,	" "	127 80
		Mar. 31,	" "	60 20
		" 31,	" "	200 00
		April 30,	" "	87 25
		May 30,	" "	226 80
		" 30,	" "	112 25
		" 30,	" "	20 85
		June 10,	" "	411 00
		" 17,	" "	267 60
		" 30,	" "	281 90
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RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS.

Certificates.....	\$ 512 00
Dues.....	717 60
Registration Fees.....	310 50
Dispensations.....	112 00
Warrants.....	10 00
Constitutions.....	41 55
Ceremonies.....	86 00
Interest on Western Canada.....	187 25
Interest on Toronto General Trust Co.'s Bonds.....	150 00
Interest on Bank Deposits.....	44 65
Interest on Landed Banking and Loan Co. to 31st March, 1891.....	400 00
Grand Lodge, half Brockville, Expenses.....	39 50

\$2611 05

ANNUAL STATEMENT, 30th June 1891.

DAVID MCLELLAN, G. S. E., IN ACCOUNT WITH GRAND CHAPTER.

No. 1.—Anc. Fron. and Cat'i....	\$ 43 50	No. Brought forward.....	\$652 00
" 2.—The Hiram.....	81 00	" 36.—Corinthian.....	19 30
" 3.—St. John's.....	34 80	" 37.—Victoria.....	15 20
" 4.—St. Andrew and St. John.....	28 20	" 38.—Seymour.....	17 60
" 5.—St. George's.....	24 30	" 40.—Guelph.....	1 00
" 6.—St. John's.....	100 20	" 41.—Harris.....	16 40
" 7.—Moir.....	6 00	" 44.—Mt. Sinai.....	20 80
" 8.—King Solomon's.....	45 50	" 45.—Excelsior.....	50 00
" 9.—Golden Rule.....	9 00	" 47.—Wellington.....	13 80
" 15.—Wawanosh.....	7 80	" 48.—St. John's.....	8 40
" 16.—Carleton.....	38 60	" 49.—Elora.....	10 20
" 18.—Oxford.....	22 20	" 52.—Prince Rupert.....	61 30
" 19.—Mt. Moriah.....	24 40	" 53.—Bruce.....	10 80
" 20.—Mt. Horeb.....	32 80	" 54.—Palestine.....	50 50
" 22.—Grenville.....	20 40	" 55.—Niagara.....	5 60
" 23.—Ezra.....	27 00	" 56.—Georgian.....	20 60
" 24.—Tecumseh.....	14 40	" 57.—King Hiram.....	6 40
" 25.—Pentalpha.....	27 80	" 58.—Pembroke.....	31 70
" 30.—Huron.....	9 00	" 59.—Sussex.....	12 60
" 31.—Prince Edward.....	13 00	" 60.—Doric.....	8 20
" 34.—Signet.....	38 50	" 61.—Granite.....	5 40
" 35.—Keystone.....	13 60	" 62.—York.....	33 40
Forward.....	\$652 00	Forward.....	\$1,081 20

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Brought forward.....		\$1,081 20	Brought forward.....		\$1,441 40
No.	63.—Havelock.....	12 80	No.	86.—McPherson	21 40
"	64.—Willson.....	2 00	"	87.—Wentworth.....	26 20
"	65.—St. Paul's.....	53 00	"	88.—McNabb.....	4 00
"	66.—The Malloch.....	11 40	"	90.—Golden.....	16 00
"	67.—Enterprise.....	37 80	"	94.—Midland.....	14 50
"	68.—Maitland.....	9 00	"	95.—Tuscan.....	58 60
"	71.—Prince of Wales.....	7 81	"	98.—Vancouver.....	23 00
"	73.—Erie.....	9 00	"	99.—Keystone.....	30 80
"	75.—St. Clair.....	7 50	"	100.—St. Lawrence.....	13 60
"	76.—Mt. Nebo.....	29 40	"	101.—Corinthian.....	20 30
"	77.—Occident.....	15 80	U. D.	—Algonquin.....	67 90
"	78.—Minnewawa.....	2 00	U. D.	—St. Johns.....	40 00
"	79.—Orient.....	34 70	Grand Lodge, $\frac{1}{2}$ Brockville expenses		39 50
"	80.—Ark.....	9 40	Ceremonies		18 00
"	81.—Aylmer.....	28 50	Constitutions.....		25
"	82.—Shuniah.....	43 80	Toronto General Trust Co.....		150 00
"	83.—Ionic.....	15 80	Landed Banking & Loan Co.....		400 00
"	84.—Lebanon.....	7 40	Western Canada Loan Co.....		187 25
"	85.—Exeter.....	11 80	Bank interest, to 30th May, 1891...		44 65
Forward.....		\$1,441 40			2 611 05

E. MITCHELL, GRAND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH GRAND CHAPTER, R. A. M.

DR.

1890.						
June	30.	To Balance as per statement at this date			\$1873 67	
July	2.	" Grand Scribe E			75 00	
	31.	" " "			176 30	
Aug.	30.	" " "			31 00	
Sept.	4.	" " "			200 00	
	30.	" " "			6 40	
Oct.	31.	" " "			28 30	
Nov.	17.	" " "			75 00	
	28.	" " "	Interest on Bank Account.....		23 80	
	29.	" " "			43 10	
Dec.	31.	" " "			76 50	
1891.						
Jan.	2.	" " "			75 00	
Feb.	23.	" " "			127 80	
March	18.	" " "			200 00	
	31.	" " "			60 20	
April	30.	" " "			87 25	
May	13.	" " "			112 25	
	30.	" " "			226 80	
	30.	" " "	Interest on Bank Account.....		20 85	
June	10.	" " "			411 00	
	17.	" " "			267 60	
	30.	" " "			281 90	
						\$ 4484 72

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1890						
July	26,	By Order	435, A. McPherson, Sundry Printing.....	\$	41 50	
	26,	"	436, Royal Insurance Co., Premium on Policy.....		4 50	
	29,	"	433, R. B. Hungerford, Incidentals as Grd. Z.....		50 00	
	31,	"	454, Grand Scribe E. Advance for Incidentals		75 00	
	31,	"	432, Comp. Ball, Services as Janitor.....		5 00	
Aug.	1,	"	434, Henry Robertson, Report Foreign Cor.....		50 00	
	6,	"	439, Mrs. Bennett, Half Yearly Grant.....		15 00	
	7,	"	453, Mrs. Burns, " " "		15 00	
	8,	"	452, Mrs. McVeity, " " "		10 00	
	12,	"	442, Mrs. Waltho, " " "		10 00	
	13,	"	443, Comp Couper, " " "		25 00	
	13,	"	446, Mrs. Ramsay, " " "		10 00	
	14,	"	441, Mrs. Piggott, " " "		10 00	
	14,	"	448, Mrs. Wallace, " " "		10 00	
	30,	"	449, Mrs. Bartlett, " " "		10 00	

Sept. 1,	By Order	455, A. McPherson, Sundry Printing.....	\$149 20
" 1,	"	450, Mrs. Cheetham, Half Yearly Grant.....	10 00
" 2,	"	451, Mrs. Fraser, " " ".....	10 00
" 13,	"	440, Comp. Kennedy, " " ".....	25 00
" 22,	"	444, Mrs. McLeod, " " ".....	10 00
" 24,	"	447, Mrs. Fortier " " ".....	15 00
Oct. 3,	"	458, Grand Scribe E., Quarters Salary.....	175 00
" 3,	"	456, Grand Treasurer, Quarterly Allowance.....	12 50
" 9,	"	457, Mrs. T. B. Harris, Quarterly Grant.....	50 00
" 9,	"	437, Mrs. Blondhiem, Half Yearly Grant.....	15 00
" 9,	"	438, Mrs. Benedict, " " ".....	15 00
Dec. 13,	"	460, Miss Shaw, illuminated address.....	30 00
" " 21,	"	459, London Printing and Lithographing Co.....	2 00
1891.	"	461, A. E. Cooper, re, Presentation.....	245 00
Jan. 5,	"	479, Grand Treasurer, Quarterly Allowance.....	12 50
" " 8,	"	464, Mrs. Bennett, Half Yearly Grant.....	15 00
" " 10,	"	480, Mrs. T. B. Harris Quarterly Grant.....	50 00
" " " 12,	"	475, Mrs. Bartlett, Half-Yearly Grant.....	10 00
" " " 14,	"	465, Comp. Kennedy, " " ".....	25 00
" " " 16,	"	474, Mrs. Wallace " " ".....	10 00
" " " 18,	"	477, Mrs. Fraser " " ".....	10 00
" " " 20,	"	466, Mrs. Burns, " " ".....	15 00
" " " 22,	"	476, Mrs. Cheetham, " " ".....	10 00
" " " 24,	"	467, Mrs. Piggott, " " ".....	10 00
" " " 26,	"	469, Comp. Couper, " " ".....	15 00
" " " 28,	"	478, Mrs. McVeity, " " ".....	10 00
" " " 30,	"	468, Mrs. Walther, " " ".....	10 00
" " " 31,	"	473, Mrs. Fortier, " " ".....	15 00
" " " 32,	"	472, Mrs. Ramsay, " " ".....	10 00
Feb. 17,	"	481, Grand Scribe E., Quarterly Salary.....	175 00
" " 18,	"	445, Mrs. McPhail, Half-Yearly Grant.....	20 00
" " 19,	"	471, Orphans of Comp. McPhail, Half-Yearly Grant.....	20 00
" " " 20,	"	470, Mrs. McLeod, " " ".....	10 00
April 9,	"	462, Mrs. Blondhiem, " " ".....	15 00
" " 10,	"	463, Mrs. Benedict, " " ".....	15 00
May 2,	"	482, Grand Treasurer, Quarterly Allowance.....	12 50
" " 3,	"	484, Grand Scribe E., quarterly salary.....	175 00
" " 6,	"	483, Misses L. and M. H. Harris (Late Mrs. H's. Grant).....	50 00
June 30,	"	485, Grand Treasurer, Quarterly Allowance.....	12 50
" " 31,	"	486, Grand Scribe E., Quarter's Salary.....	175 00
" " " 32,	By Balance.....		2462 52
			\$4484 72

STATEMENT OF ASSETS OF GRAND CHAPTER AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1891.

Debenture Western Canada Loan and Savings Co. at 5 per cent.....	\$ 4E00 00
Debentures (2) Landed Banking and Loan Co. at 5 per cent.....	800 00
Bond, Toronto General Trust Co. at 5 per cent.....	3000 00
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce.....	2462 52

\$17962 52(Sgd.) E. MITCHELL, *Grand Treasurer.*

CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE,

HAMILTON, 30th June, 1891.

We hereby certify that the above named Debentures and Bonds are in the custody of this Bank, for safe keeping on account of E. Mitchell, Grand Treasurer, and that the balance at credit of the said E. Mitchell, as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter on the Books of this Bank at close of business at this date is two thousand four hundred and sixty-two dollars and fifty-two cents (\$2,462.52).

(Sgd.) WM. ROBERTS, *Manager.*
S. G. READ, JR., *Accountant.*

Bonds and Debentures....	\$15,500 00
Cash	2,462 52

17,962 52

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. E. Harding, seconded by R. E. Comp. John Ross Roberson, and

Resolved, That the annual statement of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Executive Committee for audit, and report thereon at the present Convocation.

M. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented the report of the Committee which, on motion of R. E. Comp. J. E. Harding, seconded by R. E. Comp. John Ross Robertson, was received and ordered to be printed as an appendix to the proceedings.

On motion of M. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, seconded by M. E. Comp. Fred J. Menet, the following telegram was sent to the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, in session at Minneapolis, Minnesota:—

TORONTO, 24th, July, 1891.

To David F. Day, General Grand Chapter, Minneapolis, Minn. :

The Grand Chapter of Canada in Thirty-fourth Convocation assembled sends fraternal greeting to the General Grand Chapter and best wishes for their continued prosperity.

J. J. MASON,
Grand Z.

At a subsequent stage in the proceedings the following reply was received :

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN , July 24th, 1891.

J. J. MASON, Grand Z., Toronto.

The General Grand Chapter of the United States heartily reciprocates the good wishes and fraternal regards of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

DAVID F. DAY, G.G.H.P.

A letter was read from M.E. Comp. Robert Hendry, Jr., P.G.Z., regretting his inability to be present at this Convocation, and he at the same time expressed the wish that we might have a profitable and pleasant meeting, and extending his kind regards to the M.E. Grand Z, and Companions of Grand Chapter.

The Grand Scribe E. then apologized for the absence of R.E. Comp. Wm. Gibson, who had been called to his official duties at Ottawa unexpectedly, as it was his full intention to be present at this Convocation.

A letter was then read from R.E. Comp. Wm. H. Mayo, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Missouri, expressing the sincere regret of M.E. Comp. James B. Austin, G.H.P., at the loss of their Representative R.E. Comp. W. J. Bury McLeod Moore, and also expressing the pleasure it would afford him to commission any Past Z, that our M.E. Grand Z would recommend. The M.E. Grand Z was pleased to instruct the Grand Scribe E. to write and say that the appointment of E. Comp. Daniel F. Macwatt would be acceptable to him and this Grand Chapter.

A circular letter was then read from the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America, certifying to the fact that on the 25th day of June, 1891, the Grand Chapter of Montana was constituted, and has thereby become a constituent member of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America. M.E. Comp. Richard O. Hickman, of Virginia City, is the Grand High Priest, and Cornelius Hedges of Helena, the Grand Secretary of such Grand Chapter.

Official letters were also received and read from the M.E. Ex-Grand Chapter of Arkansas, notifying this Grand Chapter of the death of our beloved and Eminent Brother and Companion Albert Pike, who died on the 2nd April, 1891, at Washington, D. C. The Arch was broken, a brilliant star in the firmament of Masonry has indeed set.

“Leaves have their time to fall,
And flowers to wither at the north-wind's breath,
And stars to set ;—but all
Thou hast all seasons for thine own, O Death ! ”

From the Grand Chapter of Iowa comes the sad news of the death of Comp. John Calvin Parish, Emeritus Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Iowa, who died Friday, September 26th, 1890, aged 58.

"I have been dying for years,
Now I shall begin to live."

From Massachusetts we hear the wail of sorrow for the death of Rev. John W. Dadmun, who was suddenly, and while in the exercise of his ministrations of love and duty, removed to the Grand Chapter above on the 6th of August, 1890, at the age of 72. We number him with our dead, but as seed that will sprout again, and again bearing fruit continuously. They also mourn the loss of M.E. Comp. Alfred F. Chapman, Grand Secretary, who received the summons which comes to all the living, and departed this life Friday, March 20th, 1891.

"Now, the Masons mourn through Temple Chambers
Their Grand Recorder fallen!
The clear intelligence,—the genial soul—
The lips replete with wisdom quenched and still."

It has become the sad duty of Ohio to mourn the loss of one of their most faithful and beloved Companions, Comp. Matthias H. Watt, Excellent Grand Secretary of Royal Arch Masons in the State of Ohio, who departed this life Monday, August 4th, 1890, after an illness of a few days, at the age of 60 years.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina has also been invaded by the grim messenger, who has summoned to his eternal rest M. E. Grand High Priest A. Doty, from his earthly labors, on the 27th November, 1890, aged 49.

Vermont has also been deeply impressed with the magnitude of the loss sustained by them in the death of Past Grand High Priest John Snowden Tyson, who met his death by accidental drowning on 26th July, 1890, in the 54th year of his age.

And the portals of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America have not been free from the hand of the destroying angel, who has seen fit to call hence Most Excellent Comp. Hiram Bassett, General Grand Master of the Third Veil of the General Grand Chapter. This sad event occurred at his home in Millersburg, Kentucky, on the 6th November, 1890, in his 70th year.

Ex-Comp. D. F. Macwatt, of Barrie, and R.E. Comp. J. E. Harding, of Stratford, presented their credentials from the Grand Chapters of Missouri and Massachusetts respectively, which the M.E. the Grand Z. was pleased to receive and accept, and the Ex. and R. Ex-Comps. were greeted with the usual Masonic salutations, which were suitably acknowledged.

The Grand Scribe E. then read a report from Ex-Comp. Charles W. Whitcomb, our Representative near the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont, when it was moved by R.E. Comp. J. E. Harding, seconded by R.E. Comp. John Ross Robertson and

Resolved, That the Report read from our Grand Representative near the M.E. the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont be received and printed in full in our Proceedings, and that the thanks of our M.E. Grand Chapter are due and hereby tendered to Ex-Comp. Charles W. Whitcomb, for his kindness in carrying out so fully one of the suggestions made by M.E. Comp. R. B. Hungerford in his address last year.

The Executive Committee beg leave to report as follows :

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

The Committee on Audit and Finance beg to report that they have examined the books of Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer up to 30th June, 1891, and find them correct. The receipts and disbursements have been as follows:—

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand.....	\$ 1873 67	
Certificates.....	512 00	
Dues.....	717 60	
Registration Fees.....	310 50	
Dispensations	112 00	
Warrants.....	10 00	
Constitutions.....	41 55	
Ceremonies.....	86 00	
Interest of Western Canada Loan Co.....	187 25	
" Toronto General Trust.....	150 00	
" Bank Deposits.....	44 65	
" on Landed Banking and Loan Co.....	400 00	
Grand Lodge, half expenses Brockville.....	39 50	
		\$4484 72

DISBURSEMENTS.

Royal Insurance Co....	4 50	
Janitor, 1890.....	5 00	
Grand Treasurer, Incidentals, 1890-91.....	50 00	
Foreign Correspondence.....	50 00	
Grand Treasurer.....	50 00	
Grand S. E., Incidentals.....	75 00	
Mrs. Harris.....	150 00	
Printing.....	190 70	
Preparation G. Z.....	277 00	
Benevolent Committee.....	470 00	
Grand S. E., salary.....	700 00	
		\$2022 20
Balance.....	2462 52	
		\$4484 72

ASSETS.

Debentures Western Canada Loan and Savings Co. 5 per cent.....	\$4500 00	
" Landed Banking and Loan Co. " ".....	8000 00	
Bond Toronto Trust Co. " ".....	3000 00	
Balance.....	2462 52	

\$17962 52

LIABILITIES.

Royal Insurance Co.....	\$ 4 50	
Copp Clark & Co., Warrant.....	15 00	
A. McPherson.....	32 50	
Foreign Correspondence.....	50 00	
Grand Scribe E., advance for Incidentals.....	25 00	
		\$127 00

The Constitution being now out of print, the Committee recommend that the Grand Scribe E. be instructed to have printed 1,000 copies of the Constitution, revised up to date.

The following Chapters having resumed work after being dormant for some time, your Committee recommend that the following amounts due by these Chapters be written off, viz.:

No. 23—Ezra Chapter, Simcoe	\$ 9 30
No. 38—Seymour Chapter, Bradford.....	30 60
No. 58—Pembroke Chapter, Pembroke.....	5 10
No. 92—Spry Chapter, Alliston.....	9 60

\$54 60

and we hope that in the future these Chapters will take their old place amongst the active Chapters of our jurisdiction.

In accordance with the suggestion of the M.E. Comp. Grand Z., your Committee recommend that the sum of \$1,500 be invested in similar securities as our other investments, and the Grand Z., Grand Treasurer and Grand Scribe E. are hereby instructed to make the same investment.

It was moved by R.E. Comp. J. E. Harding, seconded by M.E. Comp. Thomas Sargent and

Resolved, That the Report of the Executive Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

BENEVOLENCE.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers, and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

The Executive Committee of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada on Benevolence, begs leave to report.

1. That the ten private Chapters, viz., Nos. 1, 6, 8, 28, 29, 30, 34, 37, 44 and 71, through whose First Principals grants of Benevolence, were made payable as granted in July, 1890, have all made the return required by the rules of Grand Chapter.

Those of the ten Chapters which made contributions for Benevolence are: No. 1, \$4; No. 6, \$5 and No. 71, \$20; while those which made no such contributions are: No. 8, 28, 29, 30, 34, 37 and 44.

2. That the applications presented for relief, and for which grants are recommended, are as follows:—

Name of Grantee.	Amt \$	Through Whom Payable.
Widow of S. H. Blondheim.....	\$ 30 1	First Principal Anc. Front. and Cat. No. 1.
“ R. C. Benedict.....	30 2	“ “ “ “
“ T. D. Harrington	40 3	“ “ “ “
“ John Kennedy.....	30 4	“ St. John's No. 6.
“ Frederick Bennett.....	30 5	“ “ “ “
Children of Josh G. Burns.....	30 6	“ King Solomon, No. 8.
Widow of Col. McLeod Moore....	40 7	“ Grenville, No. 22
“ Wm. A. Piggott.....	20 8	“ Pentalpha, No. 28.
Comp. Archibald Couper.....	50 9	“ McCallum, No. 29.
Widow of Samuel Waltho.....	20 10	“ “ “ “
“ Donald McLeod.....	20 11	“ Huron, No. 30.
Orphans of Malcolm McPhail....	40 12	“ “ “ “
Widow of C. G. Fortier.....	30 13	“ Signet, No. 34.
“ Robert Ramsay.....	40 14	“ “ “ “
“ W. B. Wallace.....	50 15	“ Victoria, No. 37.
“ James McVeity.....	20 16	“ Prince of Wales, No. 71.
	\$470	

All of which is fraternally submitted.

OTTO KLOTZ,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. E. Harding, seconded by R. E. Comp. Otto Klotz, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Executive Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Recognizing the importance of giving Companions of this Grand Chapter a clear and intelligent view of the work of Capitular Masonry during the past year, your Executive Committee has read, with earnest attention, the reports of the Grand Superintendents, who presided in the thirteen districts which cover the jurisdiction. The endeavor has been in so doing to not be over critical, but rather to extenuate faults, and discharge the duty in a kindly and courteous spirit, which will convey a frank opinion. At the same time it is to be hoped that this report will serve as a direction to those who in due course will not weary in well doing, but shoulder the responsibilities of supervising a work that has special interest to all Companions, whose incentive is Masonic knowledge rather than a single desire to wear the honored clothing of this supreme degree.

There has been a slow but gradual improvement in the strength of the Chapters since 1877. In that year our suspensions and withdrawals outnumbered our exaltations. In 1888 the figures were reversed, and a slight increase shown. In 1889 this condition was improved, and in 1890, the last figures obtainable, show an increase in exact proportion to that of the previous year. We are informed by the Grand Scribe E. that there is an increase this year, but no figures are given. It may not be unreasonable to ask why, with only 83 returns to examine, this committee has not information as to the strength of the subordinate Chapters. If the returns have not been sent in, some means should be taken to secure promptness, for in this particular your Committee is without specific information.

The reports of some of the districts convey a faithful record of the work accomplished, in others there is an absence of material knowledge, while in a few their writers have ingeniously taken for granted information which, without being over curious, they might have acquired without unreasonable exertion.

That from London District is a readable, well-written and unreserved opinion, with facts, which must commend themselves to the reader

That from Wilson District is ample in detail, carefully penned by one who evidently was in touch with his whole duty.

That from Wellington District is not quite as interesting as his report of 1890, doubtless for the reason that he has certainly not had the support which he should have received in his energetic efforts to enliven the Chapters under his charge.

The reports from Hamilton District, and from Manitoba District, while indicating satisfactory progress, might be more fruitful in detail.

The reports from Huron and Prince Edward Districts are fair reports of the work, which might have been strengthened with more information.

That from Toronto District is an excellent report, displaying an accurate knowledge of the work in hand.

That of Ontario District is an entertaining and well-handled review of the work.

That from St. Clair District contains about thirty lines of writing, with less than five of information. The penmanship is excellent, but

the Grand Superintendent did little, therefore could not write very much. He states: "The condition of Masonry in St. Clair District during the past year has not been very encouraging." Well, the same may be said of his report. If the worthy and highly esteemed Companion can pass through other offices in life as comfortably as he has through that of Grand Superintendent, he may be said to have found the golden way to ease and luxury. His activity is not characteristic of the gallant Scottish chieftain and Companion, perhaps, whose name he bears, who in the fullness of his heart exclaimed: "My home is on the Grampian Hills, and my name's McGregor."

That from the Central District gives a clear view of the state of the work, although silent in some matters.

On the whole, the preparation of many of the reports exhibits care, and is an improvement on those of preceding years. It may be invidious to make comparisons, and yet the reports from Wilson, London and Toronto Districts, as containing varied and valuable matter, are worthy of special notice. The suggestion is made to Grand Superintendents that information must be obtained by actual presence in the Chapters. Statistics furnished by Chapters are, of course, invaluable, but particulars as to the quality of the work received from officers may, to a certain extent, have a local coloring which might disappear under the personal inspection of the representative of the Grand Z.

THE ATTENDANCE AT CONVOCATIONS.

The returns show an average attendance of one-fourth of the membership. In the localities where the Chapters have a membership of about thirty, the attendance is forty per cent., while in those with a roll of from 150 to 200 the attendance is less than ten per cent. In one Chapter, with 174 members, the average was 22; in another, with 222, the average was 33; in another, with 137, the average was 19; while in one with 70, the average was 17. The attendance was best in the Chapters in the Wilson and Ontario Districts. It is impossible to assign any particular reason for this absence of interest. Is it unfair to assume that if the officers had the work well in hand that Companions would be more attentive? We can scarcely expect as large an average attendance as in the Craft lodges, for with other engagements it is impossible to expect brethren to attend two Masonic meetings a month the year round, but certainly the average should be larger than that given.

THE EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE WORK.

All the reports do not give accurate information under this head, but, judging by that furnished, the officers of the most important Chapters, including many in the smaller localities, are rendering the work in correct form. Where this feature is not referred to in the reports it is probable that the work is indifferent. Your committee is impressed with the fact that creditable exemplification of the work creates an interest, and makes a deep impression on candidates; when the exemplification is given in a creditable manner, an interest is created, and a deep impression made on candidates. All recognize the time and labor required to enable Principals to become perfect in what is no easy task. Hence the yearly change in officers is not an inducement to those who give months of valuable time in gaining a knowledge of the work. Thus we find that Past Principals are always welcome at many Chapters, if for no other reason than that they are apt and willing workers. In connection with the work, the Superintendent of Prince Edward District suggests a revision of the installation ceremony, and as we should have one

duly authorized, your committee recommends that such be prepared by the Grand Council.

THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF CHAPTERS.

We have many well-appointed Chapter halls. Probably few jurisdictions—except those, in which are erected palatial Craft structures, such as those of New York, Boston, Philadelphia—can boast of better, and it is pleasing to know that five Chapter rooms, with the financial assets, aggregate, at least, \$15,000, while in the entire jurisdiction, there cannot be less than \$30,000 invested in securities in furnishings and appointments. In nearly all cases property is insured. In every case it should be. None of the Chapters are in debt, although a few of those that are weak are in arrears to Grand Chapter. The books of nearly all the Chapters are reported well kept, even in cases where the other work is poor.

REGULARITY OF MEETINGS.

The average number of meetings held by each Chapter during the year, is about nine. In some districts, such as Wilson, the meetings average over twelve, while in Prince Edward, Wellington and Toronto, the average is not so good. In a number of the reports it is stated that meetings could not be held through lack of a quorum.

THE PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE.

There is a general hope for improvement in the work expressed in all the reports. Some of the Grand Superintendents, who have dealt with the progress of their districts in rather a mechanical manner, write in this strain, perhaps with a desire to glide comfortably out of office and leave their successor to handle what they feared to touch. Others, however, write hopefully and give your committee the data on which they base their ideas. The discharge of Masonic work in this and other branches of the Craft, affords ample opportunity, with a few excuses, for non-performance of duties, which at the convocations of Grand Chapter they are too eager to assume. Mole hills, which are not allowed to endanger the success of trifling events in business life, become mountains when Masonic work is involved, and writers of reports, which are profuse in thanks for courtesies from the Companions, are more refreshed by a dainty banquet in the refreshment room than by the food, which contributes towards the improvement of the Masonic anatomy, not only of themselves, but of their entertainers.

A NEW CHAPTER.

The institution of a new Chapter at North Bay is encouraging. The Craft lodges in that district are doing well, and the brethren along the northern boundary of the Province are stepping quickly into the foreground in Craft work.

CHAPTERS REVIVED.

Your committee is gratified to learn that Excelsior Chapter, No 45, Colborne, in the Ontario District is again working, while Keystone Chapter, No. 35, of Whitby, has been reorganized with excellent prospects. Pembroke Chapter, No. 58, which for many years was dormant, is also showing renewed vitality. These words are encouraging.

WHERE WORK DOES NOT REVIVE.

While three Chapters have revived, quite a number are again reported dormant. We cannot have summer all the year round—storms darken

the sky, the blight strikes the fields and does permanent injury. As it is in Nature's acres, so it is in the Masonic, and when a blight once marks a Royal Arch Chapter it leaves traces which are not easily erased. Last year Spry, No. 92, at Alliston, was reported dead. It is still on the list. For the sake of the name it wears, it might show a little of the activity which characterizes the distinguished original. Seymour, No. 38, at Bradford, is looking up, but with only two meetings and those officered by outsiders, it is not an indication of great effort. St. James', No. 46, St. Mary's; Beaver, No. 74, Strathroy; and Minnewawa, No. 78, Parkhill, have done no work for years. Your committee recommends that all these Chapters should be summoned by the Grand Z. to show cause why their warrants should not be withdrawn. The Chapters at Almonte, Granite, No. 61, and at North Augusta, Maitland, No. 68, have only had one meeting each during the year. The Malloch, No. 66, at Clinton, and Lebanon, No. 84, at Wingham, are not meeting, and, consequently, doing no work. Bruce Chapter, No. 53, Petrolia, is also without life, or, as the Grand Superintendent states, it is suffering from "dry rot." These facts are discouraging, for, while three Chapters have revived, we have five that were not unfavorably reported upon last year now in a weak condition. Your committee recommends that the Chapters named be the subject of special report. It may be possible within the year for the incoming Grand Superintendents to do something to revive the work.

SUGGESTIONS TO CHAPTERS.

Every Royal Arch Mason should endeavor, by his presence at least, to encourage those who preside, and when officers perfect themselves and become well skilled in the work, they should not only be cheered, but have the approval of re-election, until others come who show a like interest.

The best evidence that perfect exemplification creates interest is shown in the reports of Hamilton District, where on several occasions, the work was rendered by Past Principals, not only correctly, but impressively. Consequently, there was a large attendance and much gratification on the part of those present. In a few cases the moneys of Chapters are deposited by the Treasurer in a bank to his personal credit. It should be placed to the credit of the Chapter, subject to the cheque of the Treasurer and First Principal. In many Chapters there is no sufficient insurance on property, and in some cases none. The experience of Alliston and other Chapter halls, where great loss has occurred through inattention to this point, should serve as a warning. An idea prevails with the Craft, that the Capitular degrees are not necessary to complete Masonic knowledge, and Craftsmen hasten to other branches for further enlightenment. It seems rather momentous at this date to point out that the Royal Arch is the summit of Craft Masonry, and that notwithstanding the honors of other and higher degrees, this Supreme Degree, of which we have charge, is absolutely essential to Masonic life and knowledge.

WEARING REGALIA.

The issue of a dispensation to wear Royal Arch regalia at divine service, which, in form, leads to the question as to whether it is advisable for Masons, at what are more properly Craft ceremonials, to wear the clothing of the Royal Arch. Less display in Masonry would be more in harmony with the teachings of the Order, and in some Craft districts, in connection with recent religious services, an objection was made to

even Craft clothing, prompted by a knowledge that there was frequently too much desire to parade in regalia. Your committee think that on all occasions where Craft ceremonies take place, it would be advisable, within reasonable limits, to wear the regalia of this degree.

OUR DEPARTED COMPANIONS.

We meet to-day with one vacant chair in this Grand East, which in the past was filled by a Companion who had the privilege of presiding over one of our districts in years gone by. We all miss the friendly voice and kindly smile of James A. Henderson, Past Grand Superintendent. He passed away in the winter-time. Every man who stood by his grave could be called a friend. Near the landmarks of his Masonic infancy, near the hills and under the trees which shaded the walks of his early manhood, we laid him away, not sorrowing as those having no hope.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. ROSS ROBERTSON,
Chairman Sub-Committee.

It was moved by R.E. Comp. J. E. Harding, seconded by R.E. Comp. John Ross Robertson, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Executive Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

GRAND Z's ADDRESS.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., and the Grand Chapter of Canada.

The Executive Committee to whom was referred the address of the Most Excellent the Grand Z., beg leave to report thereon as follows :

It is a matter for congratulation that the condition of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction can be spoken of in such favorable terms as those made use of by our respected Grand First Principal. He appears to have been diligent in the performance of the duties appertaining to that high position and in consequence he is enabled to report continued peace and prosperity. The improvement in the work is a necessary result of the increased interest taken in this department of Masonry, fostered by the wise and careful management of the Rulers of the Craft, and it is hoped that with more enlightenment and further zealous endeavors on the part of the officers of Chapters, and more steady attendance and encouragement on the part of the members, this improvement may become permanently extended. The difficulties in the way, although sometimes trying and hard to surmount, are by no means insuperable; and your committee are glad to learn that the official visitations of the Grand Z. have materially assisted the Companions in the different localities in their endeavors to further and prosper the Royal Craft.

The establishment of two new Chapters in the northern part of our jurisdiction will, doubtless, prove to be of great benefit, as the extension of our system in that direction seemed to be demanded, and each of these new bodies will be a nucleus from which will radiate blessings to many good and earnest Companions in the future.

The decision reported by the Grand Z. has our approval, as a candidate who has lost his right arm is certainly not physically capable of complying with the requirements of the degrees.

Your committee also recommend the confirmation of the appointments of Grand Representatives from the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts and Missouri, as stated in the address.

Your committee rejoice that our excellent and efficient Grand Scribe E. has been restored to health and vigor, and we trust he may be spared for many years of happiness, and to give to Grand Chapter his valuable services.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

HY. ROBERTSON,

July 24th, 1891.

Chairman Sub-Com.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. E. Harding, seconded by M. E. Comp. Fred. J. Menet, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Executive Committee on the Address of the M. Ex. the Grand Z be received and adopted.

WARRANTS.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Your Committee on Warrants beg leave to report that we have examined the books and papers of Algonquin Chapter, working under dispensation, and would recommend that a warrant be granted.

Your committee also take this opportunity of congratulating the Companions of this Chapter upon the neat and concise manner in which their proceedings are recorded.

Your committee have also examined the application and papers of St. John's Chapter, North Bay, working under dispensation, and would recommend that a warrant be granted.

DONALD ROSS,

Chairman Committee.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. E. Harding, seconded by R. F. Comp. M. Walsh, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Executive Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

REPORT OF PRESENTATION TO M. E. COMP. R. B. HUNGERFORD.

R. E. Comp. John S. Dewar, on behalf of the Committee appointed for that purpose at the last Annual Convocation, submitted the following report of the testimonial presented to M. E. Comp. Hungerford on his retirement from the chair in July, 1890.

The address which accompanied the testimonial was in book form, and was artistic in design and beautiful in execution :

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA.

To Most Excellent Companion R. B. Hungerford, Past Grand Z :

DEAR SIR AND M. EX. COMPANION,—In accordance with the resolution unanimously passed at the last Convocation of Grand Chapter, in the city of Kingston, July, 1890, the undersigned were appointed a Committee to procure a suitable testimonial and present it to you with an appropriate address, expressing the respect and esteem in

which you are held by every member of Grand Chapter, as well as by the Royal Craft throughout the entire jurisdiction, upon retiring from the Chair of Grand Z, which you have occupied so ably and efficiently for two years. You carry with you the congratulations of your Companions for the able manner in which you have discharged the duties of that high office. No energy or sacrifice has been spared upon your part to further the interests of the beloved branch of the Order. You have ruled with firmness and governed with kindness, and every action of yours has been toward the upbuilding and furthering the interests of the Craft.

Since you have been associated with your brethren in Capitular Masonry, you have at all times been indefatigable in the discharge of every duty pertaining to the several offices you have held, but more especially in that high office from which you have just retired. As a memento of the regard entertained for you, we beg the acceptance of the accompanying testimonial with our warmest wishes for your welfare, and that of your family, earnestly hoping and trusting that as time rolls by you may still be favored with the Companionship and hearty goodwill of the many good fellows whose pleasant faces it has been your fortune to meet, and who still appreciate your many good qualities as a friend and a brother.

We are on behalf of Grand Chapter :

(Signed) J. J. MASON, G. Z.
DAVID McLELLAN, G. S. E.
THOS. SARGANT, P. G. Z.
J. S. DEWAR, P. G. S. N.
A. B. MUNSON, P. G. Supt.

LONDON, December 2nd, 1890.

After the applause had subsided, Comp. Hungerford made the following reply :

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANION,—I confess it is no easy task to express my feelings to-night. It would require a greater gift of language than I am possessed of to select terms sufficiently expressive of pleasure and gratitude. It gives me more pleasure than I can express to see so many of my Masonic friends assembled to show their appreciation of my labors in the interest of Royal Arch Masonry. It certainly seems to me that had it not been for the loyal support which I received from the officers and members of Grand Chapter the work presented by me might not have exhibited an acceptable mark. My services have been rewarded most generously by you in the more than flattering address, and magnificent gift which you have just bestowed upon me. The first would have been a sufficient mark of your approval without supplementing it with the gift of all others I most appreciate. Permit me to say that greatly as I prize this costly repeater I value much more the expressions of fraternal regards contained in your address. I feel proud to think that I have in some measure merited the honor conferred on me by the Grand Chapter of Canada, in electing and re-electing me its presiding officer, and to feel assured that in retiring from official connection with it I still retain the respect and confidence of my companions. I pray Him, whose sacred name we are taught to reverence, will spare me to render still further services in the cause of Freemasonry. I ask you, Most Excellent Sir, to convey my sincere thanks to Grand Chapter for all their kindness and consideration in electing me to preside over them, and for the valuable address and testimonial which you have presented to me this evening. I also ask you and the Right Excellent Companions associated with you on the committee to accept my thanks, as well as those of my wife and family, for the kind and considerate manner you have carried out your instructions.

On Motion of R. E. Comp. John S. Dewar, seconded by M. E. Comp. Thos. Sargent, this report was received and adopted.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, the Grand Scribes acting as scrutineers of the ballot:

The result of the election was as follows :

M. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, Hamilton, re-elected,	-	-	Grand Z.
R. E. Comp. J. E. Harding, Stratford, re-elected,	-	-	Grand H.
R. E. Comp. John Ross Robertson, Toronto, re-elected,	-	-	Grand J.

The Grand Chapter was then called off for the space of fifteen minutes.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT.

M. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, Grand Z.
 R. E. Comp. J. E. Harding, Grand H.
 R. E. Comp. John Ross Robertson, Grand J.
 Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

The following Companions were nominated by the representatives from the respective districts and approved by the M. E. Grand Z.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

E. Comp. George Gott, Amherstburg,	St. Clair	Dis. No.	1.
E. Comp. C. Mole, Sarnia,	London	" "	2.
R. E. Comp. M. Walsh, re-elec., Ingersoll,	Wilson	" "	3.
R. E. Comp. J. A. Nelles, re-elec., Guelph,	Wellington	" "	4.
V. E. Comp. Thos. Irwin, Hamilton,	Hamilton	" "	5.
R. E. Comp. J. Baker, re-elec., Stratford,	Huron	" "	6.
E. Comp. Jas. McGarry, Drummondville,	Niagara	" "	7.
V. E. Comp. George Clarke, Toronto,	Toronto	" "	8.
E. Comp. P. J. Lightburne, Cobourg,	Ontario	" "	9.
R. E. Comp. A. McGinnis, re-el., Belleville,	Prince Edward	" "	10.
E. Comp. R. T. Walkem, Kingston,	Central	" "	11.
E. Comp. W. J. Clarke, Port Arthur,	Manitoba	" "	12.
R. E. Comp. J. D'A. Drew, re-el., Melbourne,	Australia	" "	13.

The election of officers was then resumed with the following result :

R. E. Comp. David McLellan, Hamilton, re-elected,	Grand Scribe E.
V. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, Toronto,	Grand Scribe N.
R. E. Comp. A. Shaw, Kingston,	Grand Prin. Soj.
R. E. Comp. Edward Mitchell, Hamilton, re-elected,	Grand Treasurer.
R. E. Comp. C. A. Humber, Goderich,	Grand Registrar.
R. E. Comp. F. J. Hood, London,	Grand Janitor.

The following named Companions were elected members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year :

R. E. Comp. Hugh Murray, Hamilton, re-elected.
 R. E. Comp. David Taylor, Ottawa.
 R. E. Comp. William Gibson, Beamsville, re-elected.
 R. E. Comp. E. T. Malone, Toronto, re-elected.
 R. E. Comp. John Creasor, Owen Sound, re-elected.

The M. E. Grand Z, M. Ex-Comp. J. J. Mason, was then pleased to appoint the following Companions as members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, viz. :

R. E. Comp. A. G. Smyth, London, re-appointed.
 R. E. Comp. Wm. Forbes, Grimsby, re-appointed.
 R. E. Comp. Wm. G. Reid, Hamilton, re-appointed.
 R. E. Comp. J. McL. Stevenson, Barrie, re-appointed.
 R. E. Comp. J. D. Christie, Simcoe.

The following named Companions compose the Committee on Benevolence, and are members of the Executive Committee for the following term :

R. E. Comp. John S. Dewar, London, retires in 1892.
 M. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, Barrie, retires in 1893.
 R. E. Comp. Otto Klotz, Preston, retires in 1894.

M. E. Comp. Thomas Sargent, P.G.Z, then proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly elected officers, who were proclaimed with the usual Masonic ceremony.

At a subsequent date the M.E. Grand Z was pleased to notify the Grand Scribe E. of the following appointments to office for the ensuing year.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The M. E. Grand Z., M. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, has been pleased to notify R. E. Comp. David McLellan, Grand Scribe E., of the following appointments to office for the year 1891-92 :—

V. E. Comp. C. V. Howell, Brantford, -	-	Grand 1st. Asst. Soj.
" Rev. W. T. Wilkins, Trenton, -	-	" 2nd. "
" J. G. Rousseau, Niagara, -	-	" Sword Bearer.
" James Woods, Sarnia, -	-	" M. of Veils.
" Robert M. Stuart, Dresden, -	-	" Stand. Bearer.
" T. W. Todd, Parkdale, -	-	" Dir. of Cer.
" R. Gemmell, Guelph, -	-	" Organist.
" John Moodie, Hamilton, -	-	" Pursuivant.
" R. D. Hall, Kincardine, -	-	" Steward.
" E. H. Fogarty, Cobourg, -	-	" "
" S. Angrove, Kingston, -	-	" "
" D. Bole, Sault Ste. Marie, -	-	" "

The M. E. Grand Z directed that each Companion elected or appointed to office not having presented himself for installation or investiture is to be installed or invested in the Chapter of which he is a member.

MOTIONS.

M. Ex. Comp. Thomas Sargent moved and M. Ex. Fred J. Menet, seconded

That the rank of a Past Grand Z be conferred upon R. E. Comp. Kivas Tully, one of the oldest members of Grand Chapter, as an acknowledgment of a life of devotion to the Craft in its several branches.

The resolution was carried unanimously and with the plaudits of the Comps. assembled.

Moved by M. E. Comp. R. B. Hungerford, seconded by M. E. Comp. Thomas Sargent, and

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare a form of Ceremonies for the opening, closing and installation of officers of Grand Chapter.

The M. Ex. Grand Z was pleased to appoint the following named Companions to act as such Committee, viz.:

COMMITTEE ON INSTALLATION CEREMONIES.

M. E. Comp. R. B. Hungerford, *Chairman*.
 M. E. Comp. Thos. Sargent.
 M. E. Comp. Henry Robertson.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

The following Notice of Motion for next Annual Convocation was given, viz.:

By Ex. Comp. D. Bole.

That at the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, I will move that the following Chapters be formed into a separate District, viz.:

No. 82, Shuniah,	-	-	-	Port Arthur.
No. 90, Golden,	-	-	-	Rat Portage.
No. 102, Algonquin,	-	-	-	Sault Ste. Marie.
No. 103, St. John's,	-	-	-	North Bay.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. J. E. Harding, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, and

Resolved, That the cordial vote of thanks of this Grand Chapter are due and hereby tendered to the Companions of Toronto Chapters for their kindly attention, and fraternal and hospitable reception of the officers and representatives of Grand Chapter during their stay in the City of Toronto, as well as for the very satisfactory arrangements made for the Thirty-fourth Annual Convocation of this Grand Body.

The labors of the Grand Chapter being ended it was closed in **Ample Form** at 2 p. m.



David M. Lellan

GRAND SCRIBE E.

TORONTO, 24th July, A.I. 2421, A.D. 1891.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS AS ON 31st MAY, 1891, AND LEDGER BALANCES TO 30th JUNE, 1891.

No	Name of Chapter.	Where Held.	Regular Meeting	First Principal Z.	Scribe E.	Adm'n	Joinings	Resto'ns	With'als	Suspe'ns	Expn's.	Deaths.	M'bers.	Last Return.	Ledger Bal.		Paid Grand Chapter
															Dr.	Cr.	
															\$	c	\$
1	An. Front & Cataract	Kingston	Third Wednesday	Geo. Somerville	J. B. Reid	8	2		6	1		2	90	My 91			
2	The Hiram	Hamilton	First Monday	Alex. Smith	Geo. E. Mason	14			4	3		3	170	"		3 00	43 50
3	St. John's	London	Fourth Wednesday	A. Carrothers	John Siddons	9				1		2	74	"			81 00
4	St. John's	Toronto	Third Friday	T. R. Bain	Spencer Dove	3			2				96	"			34 80
5	St. George	London	Third Tuesday	F. E. W. Broderick	Chas. C. Reed	3	1			5		1	74	"			28 20
6	St. John's	Hamilton	Second Thursday	John Moodie	W. J. McAllister	17	31	2	4	7		2	292	"			24 30
7	Moirs	Belleville	First Tuesday	Wm. Webster	T. J. Spofford	4	1	1		15		2	138	My 91		6 60	100 20
8	King Solomon's	Toronto	First Wednesday	J. A. Willis	Jno. Roberts	4	1	1	2	15		2	138	My 91		2 20	6 00
9	Wawanosh	Sarnia	Second Friday	Chas. Mole	James Woods	8			1			1	39	"			45 50
10	Carleton	Ottawa	Third Friday	W. L. Blair	W. G. S. Reynolds	4			4	4		3	75	"			7 80
11	Oxford	Woodstock	Third Monday	A. Ramsey	W. G. Clarke	4			1	2		2	34	"			38 60
12	Mount Moriah	St. Catharines	F. on or b. f. m.	C. H. Connor	A. E. Swazy	4		2	1	12		2	66	"			22 20
13	Horeb	Brantford	First Wednesday	R. Ashton	S. F. Passmore	8			1				52	"			24 40
14	Grenville	Prescott	Second Tuesday	C. E. Brouse	M. Dowsley	3							43	"			32 80
15	Ezra	Simcoe	Thurs. after f. m.	J. Hays	W. P. Kelly	3	1					2	33	"		9 30	20 40
16	Tecumseh	Stratford	First Tuesday	F. W. Gearing	J. Baker	2	1						37	"			27 00
17	St. Mark's	Trenton	First Wednesday	Wm. T. Wilkins	Jas. H. Peck	2							27	My 90		30	14 40
18	Manitou	Collingwood	First Friday	H. A. Currie	F. L. Telfer								32	"			2 70
19	Pentalfa	Oshawa	Second Friday	Geo. J. Scott	L. K. Murtion	8							29	My 91		20	27 80
20	McCallum	Dunnville	Friday	L. A. Congdon	W. H. Braund								47	My 90		9 40	9 00
21	Huron	Goderich	Third Tuesday	C. A. Humber	W. A. Rhynas				1				45	My 91			13 00
22	Prince Edward	Pictou	M. on or a. f. m.	E. A. Morden	Amos H. Baker	1			1				60	"			19 60
23	Waterloo	Galt	Second Monday	T. McGivern	Jno. Shupe	4	1					1	49	My 91		1 20	38 50
24	Signet	Barrie	Second Tuesday	S. J. Sanford	A. Urquhart	4	1					1	49	My 91			13 00
25	Keystone	Whitby	Third Friday	A. M. Ross	W. R. Howse	2							49	"			19 30
26	Corinthian	Peterboro'	Third Tuesday	R. E. Wood	T. E. Bradburn	2	1		4	1		1	23	"		1 00	15 20
27	Victoria	Port Hope	Second Thursday	W. J. Robertson	R. C. Smith	3			4			3	31	"		20 60	17 60
28	Seymour	Bradford	Friday after f. m.	Chas. Elliott	H. S. Broughton	5				2		1	37	"			16 40
29	Guelph	Guelph	Second Friday	R. Mahoney	R. Howie	3			1				74	My 90		2 00	1 00
30	Harris	Ingersoll	Second Friday	W. A. Woolson	James P. Boles	3							48	My 91			20 80
31	Mount Sinai	Napanee	Wednesday	S. C. Warner	R. L. Henry	8							28	My 90		40	50 00
32	Excelsior	Colborne	First Thursday	G. E. Wilson	Thomas Brown	8							25	Jan 73		2 75	13 80
33	St. James	St. Mary's	Second Wednesday	S. C. Warner	Thomas Brown	8							25	Jan 73		2 75	13 80
34	Wellington	Chatham	Second Thursday	Thos. MacNabb	James Birch	3			1				34	My 91			13 80

48 St. John s.	Cobourg.	Friday	R. J. Craig	Wm Rankin.	1	..	..	..	27 My 91	8 40
49 Elora.	Elora.	Wed. after f. m.	L. E. Wissler.	W. Gay.	1	..	..	..	24 My 90	10 20
52 Prince Rupert.	Winnipeg	First Thursday.	W. A. Windatt.	J. M. Suttie.	10	1	5	6	147 My 91	61 30
53 Bruce.	Petrolia.	First Thursday.	H. Mann.	H. Kitaridge	10	1	..	..	..	10 80
54 Palestine.	St. Thomas.	Second Thursday	Jessie Wallis.	W. E. Isardi.	10	1	..	..	85 My 91	50 50
55 Niagara.	Niagara.	Thursday a. f. m.	J. G. Rousseau.	Robert Rogers.	2	..	..	..	18 "	5 60
56 Georgian.	Owen Sound.	Third Tuesday	Duncan Morrison	James Douglas.	2	..	..	..	1 39 "	20 60
57 King Hiram.	Pt. Colborne.	Thursday	J. C. Jordan.	E. B. McKac.	5	1	..	..	32 "	6 40
58 Pembroke	Pembroke	Second Monday.	S. E. Mitchell.	P. D. Gordon.	2	..	..	..	17 My 90	31 70
59 Sussex.	Brackville.	Friday	C H Fitzsimmons	Jonathan Greene	2	..	..	..	43 My 91	12 60
61 Doric.	Newmarket.	First Wednesday	J K Hollingshead	T. H. Brunton.	1	..	..	..	25 "	8 20
62 Granite.	Almonte.	Second Monday.	Ralph Hill.	J. McN. Munro.	2	..	..	..	42 My 90	33 40
63 Havelock.	Kingston.	First Thursday.	Geo. Reeves.	Wm. Duncan.	1	..	..	..	38 My 91	12 80
64 Willson.	Welland.	Last Wednesday.	Jno. Phelps.	I. C. Cooke	1	..	..	..	39 My 91	2 00
65 St. Paul's.	Toronto.	Second Wednesday.	W. G. Eakins.	M. W. Bridgeman	1	3	6	3	83 My 91	53 00
66 The Malloch.	C. In'on.	Friday b. f. m.	W. G. Scott.	H. B. Howsoll	5	..	..	..	37 "	11 40
67 Enterprise	Harriston	First Friday.	Alex. Irvine.	F. G. Neelon.	4	..	..	..	21 My 90	37 80
68 Maitland.	North Augusta.	Third Thursday.	A. T. Dunn.	J. Chapman.	..	..	..	..	22 My 91	9 00
69 Grimsby.	Grimshy.	1st W. J. S. N. J. M.	Wm. Gibson.	Robt. Thompson	..	..	..	..	29 My 90	7 80
71 Prince of Wales.	Amherstburg.	Monday a. f. m.	F. G. Maloney.	Robt. Elhott.	3	..	1	3	24 My 91	9 00
73 Erie.	Ridgetown.	Monday a. f. m.	Geo. Middleditch	A. Lang.	..	..	..	..	30 Jy '83	..
74 Beaver.	Strathroy.	Second Tuesday.	Wm. Fanton.	E. Dixon.	1	..	..	..	22 My 91	7 50
75 St. Clair.	Milton.	Second Wednesday.	James McGarry.	G. H. Hyatt.	10	..	..	..	37 "	29 40
76 Mount Nebo.	Niagara Falls.	Fri. on or b. f. m.	G B Montgomery	F. P. Gasston.	..	..	..	..	74 "	1 80
77 Occident.	Toronto.	Second Monday.	..	..	..	..	..	..	27 My 85	2 00
78 Minnewawa.	Park Hill.	Third Monday	F. H. Anderson.	John Young	9	1	..	..	61 My 91	34 70
79 Orient.	Toronto.	Fourth Thursday	J. H. Hanna.	Donald Grant	..	1	3	2	45 "	9 40
80 Ark.	Windsor.	Second Monday.	Jno. Richardson.	Wilson R. Smith	6	1	..	..	45 "	28 50
81 Aylmer.	Aylmer.	Friday	J. E. Johnson.	W. J. Clarke.	8	1	..	..	41 "	43 80
82 Shuniah.	Pt. Arthur.	Fri. on or a. f. m.	Robert Mann.	Geo. Irwin.	3	1	..	..	59 "	15 80
83 Ionic.	Orangeville.	First Wednesday	E. C. D'ekinson.	H. W. C. Meye's.	1	..	..	..	22 "	7 40
84 Lebanon.	Wingham	First Tuesday.	M. Eacrett.	G. A. K. McLeod.	3	..	..	..	24 "	11 80
85 Exeter.	Exeter.	Second Thursday	J. H. Dickinson.	Gus. A. Paul.	2	1	2	..	27 "	21 40
86 McPherson.	Meaford.	First Thursday	J. H. Sharpe.	F. A. Latshaw	..	..	..	..	42 My 90	26 20
87 Wentworth.	Dundas	Tues. after f. m.	D. T. Ferguson.	Jas. H. McLean.	..	..	..	..	19 My 91	4 00
88 MacNabb.	Dresden.	Third Thursday.	W. Waker.	D. H. Currie.	..	..	..	..	31 My 91	16 00
90 Golden.	Rat Portage	Third Tuesday.	W. Waker.	E. C. Davies.	5	1	6	4	55 My 91	..
91 Antiquity.	Toronto.	Second Tuesday.	..	..	..	..	..	..	16 My 88	..
92 Spy.	Alliston.	Fri. on or b. f. m.	..	..	..	..	..	..	53 My 89	76
93 Metropolitan.	Melbourne.	Second Monday.	D. Meadowcroft.	F. Meadowcroft.	..	..	..	..	33 My 91	40
94 Midland.	Lindsay.	Third Thurs'ay.	W. J. Hallett.	Q. S. Patrick.	1	1	..	..	..	14 50

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS AS ON 31st MAY, 1891, AND LEDGER BALANCES TO 30th JUNE, 1891.

No	Name of Chapter.	Where held.	Regular Meeting	First Principal Z.	Scribe E.	Adw's'n	Joinings	Resto's	With's	Susp's	Expul's	Deaths.	Mem'b's	Last Return.	Ledger Bal's.		Paid Grand Chapter
															Dr.	Cr.	
95	Tuscan.....	Brampton.....	Second Monday.	A. Morton.....	Walter T. Hastie	15	..	..	3	..	..	1	47	My 91	.....	.....	58 00
96	Australasian Kilw'g	Melbourne.....	3 Mon. J. M. M.	Louis S Dumont	H. Kelson.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	My 89	.....	1 01	.....
97	City of Melbourne.	do.	4 Mon. in F.A.J.	E. A. Collis...	Wm. Ferguson..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	My 90	.....	2 56	.....
98	Vanrouver.....	Vancouver, B.C.	Second Wednesday.	Wm. D. Wnie...	Geo. Rawding...	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	36	My 91	1 0	.....	23 00
99	Keystone.....	Portage la P. a'rie	First Wednesday.	E. M. Cammiff...	P. Whimster...	9	2	..	..	..	..	..	44	"	.....	.....	30 80
100	St. Lawrence.....	Brookville.....	First Monday...	E. A. Buckman...	M. M. Brown...	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	"	.....	.....	18 00
101	Corinthian.....	Boissevain.....	Wednesday.....	James Rae.....	George Morton...	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	"	.....	.....	20 30
102	Algonquin.....	Sault Ste Marie..	Second Friday..	D. Bole.....	Thos. H. Elliott.	11	10	..	..	..	..	..	21	"	.....	.....	67 90
103	St. John's.....	North Bay.....	First Saturday..	W. H. Burges..	Wm. T. Plummer	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	"	.....	.....	40 00
						284	65	5	100	84	00	*46	3951				\$1784 70

* In the deaths reported the names of two of the Companions appear in more than one Chapter—the actual deaths are only 44.

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Chapters on roll.....	81	Number of Suspensions on the rolls.....	84
“ “ Represented in Grand Chapter.....	284	“ “ Deaths.....	44
“ “ Registrations reported.....	65	“ “ Expulsions.....	3954
“ “ Joinings.....	5	Total Number of Members on the Roll of Grand Chapter.....	1784 70
“ “ Restorations.....	100	Total Amount of Receipts 1890-1891.....	
“ “ Withdrawals.....			

SUSPENSIONS—NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

No. 1—Wm. S. Smyth. 2—F. E. Woolverton, Peter Corridi, J. S. Ralston. 3—Titus McNaughton. 4—George Boxall, George S. McConkey. 5—Jno. Ferguson, A. K. Ferguson, George Angus, John Hargreaves, Albert Anthony. 6—J. B. Anderson, J. Garland, R. Pentecost, F. Rowlin, G. Scott, H. O. Sontag, Jno M. Thomson. 8—E. H. Britton, W. H. Woodstock, J. S. King, J. Allen James D. Stevenson, D. H. Watt, E. Adler, W. H. Walkem, F. Winters, Geo. L. Hatch, W. J. Brown, David Clarke, Geo. W. Harper, Jas. Harris, J. M. McKay, Alf. Minister. 16—F. E. P. Aldrich, Jno. Satchell, Frank Satchell, George Crain. 18—Calvin Lewis Lannaghan, Arthur H. S. Hill. 19—W. Atkin, W. Bull, J. H. Robeson, J. F. Carter, E. Culverhouse, Wm. Dougan, A. Howell, Jno. Henderson, H. Julian, J. H. Kabar, Chas. Treble, W. K. Towers. 20—Albert Anthony, Wm. Bould, F. Kester, Chas. Champion. 36—W. T. White. 52—Jas. Hooper, Gideon Bordeau, Geo. P. Phillips, Wm. Diamond, J. H. Mullholland. 65—Wm. Lowrey, Maximilian J. Meyerfey, S. G. Allen. 71—Wm. Wilson, James Jeemin, T. M. Howett. 75—Geo. Smith, D. W. Campbell, Jno. T. Elliott, J. W. Rolls, Robert Cornish, A. J. Needham, D. Breckenridge. 80—Wm. Clark, J. B. Clark, Jonas A. Grosscup. 84—E. R. Talbot, Jno. Croydon, E. E. Wade, Dixie Watson, J. P. Evans, S. G. Cox, E. F. Black. 86—J. C. Patterson, J. H. Hill. 91—John A. Martin, Cas. T. Strong, H. C. Slaght, Jno. McLachlan.

RESTORATIONS.

No. 6—T. C. Livingstone, Wm. Ogg. 8—W. H. Woodstock. 19—J. C. Young. Chas. Treble.

AT REST.

No. Chap.	NAME.	DATE.
1	W. J. B. McLeod Moore.....	Aug. 31st.....1890
1	Hiram O. Hitchcock.....	June.....1890
2	Charles Huton.....	June 18th.....1890
2	George Lee.....	April.....1891
2	T. H. Wilson.....	May 25th.....1891
3	Richard Irvine.....	Jan. 13th.....1891
3	William Wild.....	Jan. 3rd.....1891
5	James Smith.....	Nov. 28th.....1890
6	E. S. Whipple.....	Nov. 23rd.....1890
6	Jno. Kennedy.....	Jan. 10th.....1891
8	James Adams.....	Nov.....1890
8	Wm. Wakefield.....	March.....1891
15	Arthur McDonald.....	Oct. 25th.....1890
16	E. C. Bennett.....	
16	Alex. Jacques.....	
18	Edward George Thomas.....	Jan. 28th.....1891
18	Jno. H. Miller.....	Nov. 18th.....1890
19	Geo. B. Coy.....	Nov. 27th.....1890
19	Richard Ratcliffe.....	April 10th.....1891
23	William Davis.....	Dec. 11th.....1890
23	William Todd.....	May 25th.....1891
34	Ezra Bethel.....	Dec. 29th.....1890
36	George Pratt.....	
37	W. B. Wallace.....	June 8th.....1890
37	Thos. F. Janes.....	June 10th.....1890
37	Richard Fogarty.....	
38	Samuel Saunders.....	
49	J. D. Foster.....	Jan. 30th.....1890
49	W. Elliott.....	Feb. 27th.....1890
52	Duncan McArthur.....	July 17th.....1890
54	G. W. Morgan.....	Oct. 26th.....1890
55	Robert Shearer.....	June 1st.....1891
60	Wm. Rowland.....	July 5th.....1890
63	Thos. Johnston.....	Oct. 21st.....1890
65	Wm. A. Houston.....	April 28th.....1891
66	D. MacG. Malloch.....	May 19th.....1890
67	Richard Hinds.....	
67	Joseph Sanford Draper.....	May 1st.....1886
71	James Galt.....	Dec. 9th.....1890
80	William Wilkinson.....	Aug. 11th.....1890
80	Robert Laird.....	April 1st.....1891
91	Cornelius Davis.....	Nov. 18th.....1890
95	Adam Scott.....	

In Memoriam.

RIGHT EXCELLENT COMPANION

WILLIAM JAMES BURY McLEOD MOORE,

Past Grand H.

Died 31st August, 1890

RIGHT EXCELLENT COMPANION

JAMES ALEXANDER HENDERSON,

Past Grand Superintendent.

Died 7th December, 1890.

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LIST OF CHAPTERS—BY DISTRICTS.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 1.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. Geo. Gott, Amherstburg.

No. 47 Wellington.....Chatham	No. 80 Ark.....Windsor
" 71 Prince of Wales.....Amherstburg	" 88 Macnabb.....Dresden
" 73 Erie.....Ridgetown	

LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 2.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. C. Mole, Sarnia.

No. 3 St. John's.....London	No. 54 Palestine.....St. Thomas
" 5 St. George's.....London	" 74 Beaver.....Strathroy
" 15 Wawanosh.....Sarnia	" 78 Minnewawa.....Parkhill
" 53 Bruce.....Petrolia	" 81 Alymer.....Alymer

WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 3.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. M. Walsh, Ingersoll.

No. 18 Oxford.....Woodstock	No. 23 Ezra.....Simcoe
" 20 Mount Horeb.....Brantford	" 41 Harris.....Ingersoll

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 4.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. J. A. Nelles, Guelph.

No. 32 Waterloo	Galt	No. 67 Enterprise.....	Harriston
" 40 Guelph.....	Guelph	" 83 Ionic.....	Orangeville
" 49 Elora.....	Elora		

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 5.

Grand Superintendent—R. E. Comp. Thomas Irwin, Hamilton.

No. 2 Hiram.....	Hamilton	No. 75 St. Clair	Milton
" 6 St. John's.....	Hamilton		

HURON DISTRICT, NO. 6.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. I. Baker, Stratford.

No. 24 Tecumseh	Stratford	No. 66 The Malloch..	Clinton
" 30 Huron	Goderich	" 84 Lebanon.....	Wingham
" 46 St. James	St. Mary's	" 85 Exeter.....	Exeter
" 63 Havelock.....	Kincardine		

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 7.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. James McGarry, Drummondville.

No. 19 Mount Moriah	St. Catharines	No. 64 Wilson	Welland
" 29 McCallum.....	Dunnville	" 69 Grimsby.....	Grimsby
" 55 Niagara.....	Niagara	" 76 Mount Nebo..	Niagara Falls South
" 57 King Hiram	Port Colborne		

TORONTO DISTRICT, NO. 8.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. George Clarke, Toronto.

No. 4 St. Andrew and St. John..	Toronto	No. 77 Occident.....	Toronto
" 8 King Solomon's.....	Toronto	" 79 Orient	Toronto
" 27 Manitou.....	Collingwood	" 86 Macpherson	Meaford
" 34 Signet.....	Barrie	" 91 Antiquity.....	Toronto
" 38 Seymour.....	Bradford	" 92 Spry.....	Alliston
" 56 Georgian.....	Owen Sound	" 95 Tuscan.....	Brampton
" 60 Doric.....	Newmarket	" 102 Algonquin.....	Sault Ste. Marie
" 62 York.....	Eglington	" 103 St. John's.....	North Bay
" 65 St. Paul's.....	Toronto		

ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 9.

Grand District Superintendent—J. E. Comp. P. J. Lightburne, Cobourg.

No. 28 Pentalpha.....	Oshawa	No. 45 Excelsior.....	Colborne
" 35 Keystone.....	Whitby	" 48 St. John's.....	Cobourg
" 36 Corinthian.....	Peterboro'	" 94 Midland.....	Lindsay
" 37 Victoria.....	Port Hope		

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, NO. 10.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. A. McGinnis, Belleville.

No. 7 Moira.....	Belleville	No. 31 Prince Edward.....	Picton
" 26 St. Mark's.....	Trenton	" 44 Mount Sinai.....	Napanee

CENTRAL DISTRICT, NO. 11.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. R. T. Walkem, Kingston.

No. 1 Ancient Frontenac and		No. 59 Sussex.....	Brockville
Cataraqui.....	Kingston	" 61 Granite.....	Almonte
" 16 Carleton.....	Ottawa	" 68 Maitland.....	North Augusta
" 22 Grenville.....	Prescott	" 100 St. Lawrence	Brockville
" 58 Pembroke.....	Pembroke		

MANITOBA DISTRICT, NO. 12.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. W. J. Clarke, Port Arthur.

No. 52 Prince Rupert.....	Winnipeg	No. 98 Vancouver.....	Vancouver
" 82 Shuniah.....	Port Arthur	" 99 Keystone.....	Portage La Prairie
" 90 Golden.....	Rat Portage	" 101 Corinthian.....	Boissevain

AUSTRALIAN DISTRICT, NO. 13.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. Jos. D'Amer Drew, Melbourne.

No. 93 Melbourne.....	Victoria	No. 97 City of Melbourne.....	Melbourne
" 96 Australasian Kilwinning,	Melbourne		

M. E.	Comp.	Henry Robertson..	Collingwood	New York	R. E.	Comp.	Horace G. Hopkins	Willard	Christ pher G. Fox	Buffalo
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"	"	J. B. Traves	Port Hope	Rhode Island	R. E.	"	W. R. Greene	Providence	W. R. Greene	Providence
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"	"	Wm. Gibson	Beausville	Tennessee	M. E.	"	J. H. Bullock	Paris	Geo. A. Pettigrew	Flaudrau
"	"	R. Brierley	Hamilton	Texas	E.	"	Henry Scheffins	Houston	W. A. Clendenning	Nashville
"	"	J. B. Nixon	Toronto	Vermont	E.	"	C. W. Whitcomb	Proctorsville	Robert Brewster	Houston
"	"	Alex. Patterson	Toronto	Virginia	M. E.	"	Geo. W. Dame	Danville	Warren G. Reynolds	Burlington
"	"	Hugh Murray	Hamilton	Washington Territory	"	"	Andrew McCally	Walla Walla	W. B. Isaacs	Richmond
M. E.	"	S. B. Harman	Toronto	West Virginia	R. E.	"	Frank Johnson	Wheeling	Yancey C. Blalock	Walla Walla
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									John W. Laffin	Milwaukee

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Arkansas.....	T. H. Casswell.	San Francisco.	New Brunswick.....	H. Veshlage.	Irvington.
California.....	Henry Robertson.	Collingwood.	New Hampshire.....	Frank Bell.	Reno.
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Mississippi.....					
Missouri.....					

APPENDIX.

1891.

Grand Chapter of Canada.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE

HENRY ROBERTSON, Chairman.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

Your Committee on Correspondence present herewith their *twenty-fourth* Annual Report, reviewing all the proceedings of other Grand Chapters which have been received. The extracts which are given from these proceedings comprise the most interesting and important matters appearing to have taken place during the past year in the capital branch of the Royal Craft, together with the information necessary to obtain a somewhat clear idea of the state and progress of Royal Arch Masonry on this continent.

The usual alphabetical order will be observed, and at the end of the report will be given a list of the Grand Chapters whose proceedings have been received.

The General Grand Chapter of the United States, being the most important body that comes under our notice, will have the first place.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

The twenty-seventh triennial convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, was held at Atlanta, Georgia, commencing on the 20th day of November, 1889.

M. E. Comp. Noble D. Larner, G. G. H. P.

His address opens with the following historical sketch :—

"In the latter part of the last century a small band of faithful companions, residing in the Northern States, resolved that it was 'highly expedient for the regular government of all Chapters within the said States, who exercise the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masons, and to prevent irregularities in the propagation and use of those rights and privileges, that there should be a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons established within those States.'

"On the 24th day of October, 1797, the first convocation of Royal Arch Masons, in accordance with this resolution, was held in Mason's Hall, at the city of Boston, Massachusetts. The result of this convocation was the creating of an organization known as the 'Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Northern States of America,' which held special convocations from time to time until the 10th day of January, 1799, when its second regular convocation took place at the city of Providence, State of Rhode Island. At this latter convocation a new Constitution was adopted and the name changed to that of the 'General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the Six Northern States of America'

"On the 9th of January, 1806, the 'General Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the Six Northern States,' held its third regular convocation at Middletown, Connecticut, when

the Grand Chapter of Vermont became a constituent of the General Grand Chapter. At this convocation the name was changed to 'The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America,' (which name it still bears), and a charter was granted for the institution of 'Georgia Chapter,' to be located in the city of Savannah, State of Georgia.

"It will thus be seen from this brief outline, that on the 24th day of October last, this General Grand Body was ninety-two years old.

"During this period many difficulties and obstacles were encountered and overcome, and this General Grand Body to-day occupies a position of which all Royal Arch Masons may well be proud.

"From the date of our first organization to the present time, twenty-six triennial convocations have been held and sixteen companions have been called to fill the exalted position of General Grand High Priest."

One of his decisions was to the effect that there was no law of the General Grand Chapter which prohibits the conferring of the degrees upon a regularly dimitted Mason.

He had issued dispensations for the formation of five new chapters, two in Montana and the others in Indian territory, Arizona, and Idaho.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$14,421.97. The Grand Secretary's report shows a total membership of 131,843. Their subordinates in Honolulu and Shanghai are in a fairly prosperous condition.

Designs were adopted for jewels for Past Grand High Priests and Past General Grand High Priests.

By the adoption of the report of the committee of jurisprudence, it was decided that in future no chapter degree should be conferred upon a non-affiliated Master Mason, but this decision is presumably applicable only to those chapters which are directly subordinate to the General Grand Chapter. The same inference applies to a ruling that a rejected candidate cannot apply again for the degrees within six months from the date of his rejection.

The following resolutions were adopted :—

"*Resolved*, That the ceremonies of the Past Master's degree shall be confined within the narrowest constitutional limits, only retaining the obligation, the induction into the Oriental Chair, and the communication of the means of recognition."

"*Resolved*, That membership in a Chapter should be dependent upon and co-existent with membership in a Lodge of Freemasons."

"*Resolved*, That the General Grand High Priest be requested to authorize the formation of a Grand Chapter in the Indian Territory."

"*Resolved*, That the clothing of a Royal Arch Mason is hereby defined to be :

"A white Lambskin apron (for which cotton or linen *cannot* be substituted), square in form, lined with scarlet silk, and with a narrow edging of scarlet, without any device whatever on the body, but with a Triple Tau-Cross within a Triangle, and that within a circle on the flap.

The following report of the committee on ritual was adopted :—

"In regard to inaccuracies in the first copies of the Ritual promulgated by the General Grand High Priest, we have nothing to offer, for the reason that we could not get possession of one of those copies, but we have compared the new copies prepared under direction of our present M. E. General Grand High Priest with the Rituals adopted by the General Grand Chapter, and report the following inaccuracies in them. There are two of these books numbered respectively *one* and *two*.

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"Your Committee suggest that the incoming General Grand High Priest have these copies corrected to conform to the Ritual as adopted by the General Grand Chapter, and that he take such steps as may be necessary to correct the copies which have been made from those books.

"Your Committee further suggest the advisability of the appointment of a Committee on Ritual to agree upon and report lectures and ceremonials in full for adoption by the General Grand Chapter, for the use of its immediate subordinate Chapters—State Grand Jurisdictions not to be *required* to use them unless they shall severally decide to do so. This report to be prepared and submitted at the next Triennial Convocation."

The Constitution was amended so that the next convocation will be held in 1891. This was done from a desire to have their meetings in different years from the triennial assemblies of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar; and their centennial anniversary will thus be held appropriately in 1897.

As to a chapter in Mexico, the following was adopted:—

"As to the request of Comp. RICHARD E. CHISM, for the establishment of a Chapter in Mexico, where, it is said, there are only three Royal Arch Masons, and asking for a warrant of constitution, with power to communicate the Capitular degrees only to a sufficient number of Master Masons to secure the proper working of a Chapter, your Committee cannot recommend any departure from the essential regulations of Royal Arch Masonry, involved in such request, but upon the presentation of a petition in regular form for a warrant of dispensation, would recommend a favorable consideration of the same by the General Grand High Priest."

A valuable report was presented by the Committee on Correspondence, with Comp. Wm. H. Mayo, of Missouri, as Chairman, from which we make the following extract:—

"The Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia, the only Grand Chapters in this country out of forty-two not subject to the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter. Also, Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Quebec, being all the Grand Chapters in the Dominion of Canada.

"We regret exceedingly that the printed Proceedings of the Supreme Grand Chapters of England and Ireland and those of Scotland have not been received.

"Those before us contain many things that are interesting and instructive, if reviewed and commented on as the correspondents of some of our Grand Chapters do, would make quite an addition to the importance of our General Grand Chapter proceedings, and add to their value as a book of reference, but the limited time given to this Committee does not admit of a thorough and proper review of the Proceedings named.

"It affords us great pleasure to state that from a hurried reading of the pamphlets before us, we find only the best of feeling pervading them in their relations to this Grand Body and its constituents.

"The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania is one of the oldest and largest in this country, organized in 1795, having 108 subordinate Chapters with a membership of nearly 12,000, besides three Mark Lodges with a membership of 1,300 under its jurisdiction, all well and conservatively managed. Their finances are in a commendable shape, having a fund of \$22,782.50, \$20,000 of which is invested in interest-bearing securities.

"Virginia is also one of the oldest Grand Chapters in the United States, organized in 1805, and has twenty-six subordinates, with a membership of 1,343, a cash balance of \$325.20, and \$1,300 invested in interest-bearing securities, besides 200 shares of Masonic Temple Association stock.

"West Virginia is, comparatively speaking, a new Grand Chapter, having been organized in 1871, and now has fifteen subordinate Chapters, with a membership of 652, and a cash balance in the treasury of \$255.50.

"It strikes your Committee as rather strange that these three Grand Chapters do not join the other thirty-nine of this country in acknowledging allegiance to this General Grand Chapter, as in each of the three States named Grand Bodies owe allegiance to another General Grand Body of the Masonic Fraternity. The question is frequently asked by hundreds of good, conservative, thinking and reading Masons. We leave the solution of the problem to our leading companions of Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.

"We now come to the consideration of the four Grand Chapters in the Dominion of Canada. First on the list, oldest, having been organized thirty-two years ago, and largest in number of subordinate or constituent Bodies and membership, is the Grand Chapter of Canada, which has 82 Chapters, with a total membership of 3,636, with \$2,000 cash balance in its treasury and over \$10,000 invested judiciously, all going to show that our neighbors are zealous Craftsmen, and manage their affairs in a practical, business-like manner.

"With the exception of the nomenclature of their officers, these Grand Bodies are very much like their American Cousins, their work, their laws, their committees, their mode of conducting the affairs of their Grand Chapters are very similar to ours.

"The frequent intercourse between them and us, the warm-hearted cordiality with which they and we are always received and entertained, notwithstanding the fact that we are of different nationalities and radically different in our political governmental affairs, shows very plainly that the true spirit of friendship and brotherly love, as taught by the principles and tenets of Freemasonry, are far stronger, more binding and better appreciated than the ties of any other organization under the sun.

"The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia is twenty years old, has twelve subordinates with 523 members, and \$231 cash balance in its treasury.

"The Grand Chapter of Quebec is twelve years old, and has ten Chapters and 440 members, with \$154 in its treasury.

"The Grand Chapter of New Brunswick was organized in 1887, has seven Chapters and 440 members.

"We will conclude our brief report with the following summary :

"There are under the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter thirty-nine Grand Chapters, with 2,073 subordinate Chapters under their jurisdiction, and thirty-three subordinate Chapters under its immediate jurisdiction. Total, 2,106 Chapters, with a total membership of 133,325.

"In the States of Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia, there are 149 subordinate Chapters, with a membership of 14,035.

"In the four Grand Chapters in the Canadian Dominion there are 111 Chapters and 5,000 members.

"A grand total of 2,333 subordinate Chapters, and 152,360 Royal Arch Masons on the North American continent."

The next Convocation will be held at Minneapolis, Minnesota, on July 22nd, 1891.

The following are the officers for the ensuing term :—

- M. E. DAVID F. DAY, Buffalo, N. Y., *General Grand High Priest*.
 Com. JOSEPH P. HORNOR, New Orleans, La., *Deputy General Grand High Priest*.
 Com. GEORGE L. McCAHAN, Baltimore, Md., *General Grand King*.
 Com. BENJAMIN F. HALLER, Memphis, Tenn., *General Grand Scribe*.
 Com. REUBEN C. LEMMON, Toledo, Ohio, *General Grand Treasurer*.
 Com. CHRISTOPHER G. FOX, Buffalo, N. Y., *General Grand Secretary*.
 Com. SYLVESTER S. BEAN, Creston, Iowa, *General Grand Captain of the Host*.
 Com. JAMES W. TAYLOR, Luthersville, Ga., *General Grand Principal Sojourner*.
 Com. HENRY S. ORME, Los Angeles, Cal., *General Grand Royal Arch Captain*.
 Com. HIRAM BASSETT, Millersburg, Ky., *General Grand Master Third Vail*.
 Com. ARTHUR G. POLLARD, Lowell, Mass., *General Grand Master Second Vail*.
 Com. JOSEPH E. DYAS, Paris, Ill., *General Grand Master First Vail*.

ALABAMA.

64th Convocation, Montgomery, Dec. 1st, 1890.

M. E. Comp. John G. Harris, G. H. P.

Great benefits have resulted from the appointment of a Grand Lecturer. Chapter Masonry has revived, new energy has been manifested and better work done than at any period within a quarter of a century. If these are the good effects of such an appointment, we should all follow the example.

Comp. Palmer J. Pillans was directed to codify their laws, with a complete and comprehensive index.

The following resolution was adopted :—

"*Resolved*. That the High Priest, King or Scribe of any subordinate Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction, may resign or dimit, when he removes from the jurisdiction of his Chapter; and in case of such resignation, the High Priest has power to order an election to fill such vacancy, notice being given to at least a majority of the members in good standing."

They have twenty-nine chapters and 776 members.

Comp. Pillans has a brief report on correspondence. Our proceedings for 1890 appear among the rest.

M. E. Comp. James T. Beck (Camden), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Myles J. Greene (Montgomery), G. S.

ARIZONA.

We extend a hearty welcome to this, the latest addition to our family, and wish them prosperity.

A convention of Royal Arch Masons was held at Tucson, Nov. 13th, 1889, to take steps for the proper organization of a Grand Chapter of Arizona. Delegates were present from the four chartered chapters in

the jurisdiction. A constitution was adopted and officers elected. A petition was signed by all the delegates to the General Grand High Priest, for his authority to form the new body.

On Nov. 12th, 1890, the convention resumed and the warrant from the G. G. H. P. was read. The convention then dissolved and the Grand Chapter was opened. After routine business the following resolution was passed:—

“Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter of Arizona be and are hereby tendered to Companion George J. Roskrug for his untiring zeal and successful efforts in bringing about the formation of the Grand Chapter of Arizona, and for his present generous offer of the further rendering of valuable services, without the hope of fee or reward, save that of the knowledge of having, like our Companions of old, been ‘willing to undertake any of the work, however servile, for the sake of forwarding so great and glorious an undertaking.’”

The ritual of California was adopted.

M. E. Comp. Martin W. Kales (Phoenix), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. George J. Roskrug (Tucson), G. S.

ARKANSAS.

41st Convocation, Little Rock, Nov. 20th, 1890.

M. E. Comp. Samuel Peete, G. H. P., opens his address with the following eloquent remarks:—

“This institution has stood at the beginning of empires erected upon the ruins of dynasties and witnessed the erection of republics upon the downfall of kingdoms. It has seen these flourish in all their majestic strength, extending their domains beyond seas and oceans, finding no limit to their sway nor opposition to their power, rearing domes of taste and towers of strength as monuments to their endurance, and when she looked again, behold! they were not. And yet amid the wreck of empires, the overthrow of dynasties, the downfall of kingdoms and destruction of republics, this institution of ours has gone on increasing its numbers, extending its borders, and making glad the hearts of men who were with sadness oppressed and sorrow brought low. The sword is not her biographer, nor is her history written in blood. But the gentle spirit of Charity makes mention of her doings in deeds of kindness under the sign of silence, which brings food to the hungry and clothing to the naked. Nor is this all. When one of her votaries retires to a quiet secluded place, when no eye can see save that which is never closed, no ear can hear save His which is always open to the petitions of the weak, trembling, humble penitent—he prays for the return of his straying brother to the folds of virtue again; his Father hears his prayer, and to his request, mercy is given. This institution, Companions, cannot die nor become extinct. It hath for its foundation Hope, Faith and Charity; Hope which leads us step by step in search of that temple which is not made with hands; Faith which assures us that by an upright life, and an abiding confidence in the atonement made for a broken law, we shall find it; and Charity, the angel that opens the door for our happy entrance where the Grand High Priest forever presides.”

He refused a dispensation to exalt a Mexican Mason who was sojourning at Hot Springs, for his health, on the ground that he was not a resident in the jurisdiction and the Grand Lodge had never recognized any of the Grand Lodges of Mexico. He formed two new chapters. He believes that the report on correspondence is indispensable. Peace and prosperity prevail throughout the state.

Lodge affiliation is now necessary for chapter membership in Arkansas, these resolutions being adopted:—

“1. That a candidate for the Chapter degrees must be an affiliated Master Mason; and whenever a member of a Chapter in this State, who is now, or hereafter becomes a wilfully non-affiliated Master Mason, the High Priest of his Chapter shall declare him suspended from his Chapter until he affiliates with some lodge, or endeavors to do so at least every twelve months.

“2. That when a Chapter Mason is expelled, or is suspended from his lodge either for unmasonic conduct or non-payment of dues, his membership in his Chapter shall cease until he is reinstated in his lodge.”

It was also decided that a chapter could receive and act upon the application for affiliation of a companion who was a resident in another state.

Comp. R. J. Laughlin has a brief report on correspondence, in which we find Canada for 1890.

M.E. Comp. Charles N. Rix (Hot Springs), G.H.P.

R.E. Comp. James A. Henry (Little Rock), G.S.

COLORADO.

16th Convocation, Denver, Sept. 18th, 1890.

M.E. Comp. Samuel H. Thompson, G.H.P.

The following amendment to the by-laws was adopted by a three-fourth's vote :—

“It is hereby made the imperative duty of all Chapters to restrain, as far as possible, the Masonic crime of intemperance, by trial and punishment, as the case may require. It shall be unlawful to advance or affiliate any person engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors, as a beverage. All Companions are fraternally advised to refrain from engaging in the liquor traffic.”

They have twenty-five chapters and 1,716 members. Two new chapters were formed. North Dakota, South Dakota and Indian Territory were recognized.

Comp. Ernest L. N. Foster reports on correspondence. Canada for 1890 receives kindly mention. On the right to dimit, he says :—

“We are inclined to the opposite view, as we believe a Companion has a right to sever his membership with a Chapter whenever it pleases him to do so; provided no charges are pending and his dues are fully paid; to allow a vote opens the door for trouble by compelling a Companion to remain a member when he does not desire it. Masonry is not compulsory, but everything is to be done of our own free will and accord. The cases related by Comp. Barlow are so rare that it is not necessary to legislate for them.”

M.E. Comp. Ceylon E. Odin (Pueblo), G.H.P.

R.E. Comp. Ed. C. Parmelee (Pueblo), G.S.

DELAWARE.

23rd Convocation, Wilmington, Jan. 21st, 1891.

M.E. Comp. John L. Clark, G.H.P.

A recommendation of the Grand High Priest, favouring the establishment of uniform work, was adopted and the essentials and formula in use by the General Grand Chapter are to be employed.

The new Grand Chapters of North Dakota, South Dakota, Indian Territory and Arizona were recognized.

They have three chapters and 356 members.

Though small in numbers, the Companions of Delaware are enthusiastic and well able to hold their own with larger bodies in the practical exemplification of Masonic principles. Their chapters have prospered during the year just past beyond the usual degree and their work has attained a proficiency never before reached. May they go on and prosper!

Comp. R. Henry Young has a brief report on correspondence. Canada for 1890 receives a good notice. On the Cryptic Degrees, Comp. Young says :—

“On this subject we will venture to say we think the interests of Cryptic and Capitular Masonry, too, would be better served by retaining the Cryptic degrees in the Chapter. When segregated and given to separate Councils, they are an extra and unnecessary expense to Craftsmen, and we find the Councils have hard work to sustain themselves. They soon die out, interest is lost, and the time is not far distant when the degrees themselves will be lost. We know they are now pretty generally controlled by Councils, but we believe they should be controlled by the Chapters. In fact, our own private opinion is, that if the Past Master's and Most Excellent Master's degrees were dispensed with, and the Royal and Select Master's degrees adopted in their place, we would have a better system, and the Royal Arch degree when received would be

perfectly intelligible. It would be the *seventh* and *last*, and the repository of that which was lost. The R. & S. M. would make plain to the M. M. how lost, and how preserved, as well as how and when discovered. The reflections and teachings contained in them are really very impressive. We may be hooted by some for thus expressing our opinion, but many intelligent Companions in possession of the R. & S. M. degrees will see that the subject is worthy of serious consideration."

M. E. Comp. John L. Clark (Rockland), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. James H. Price (Wilmington), G. S.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

24th Convocation, Washington, Dec. 10th, 1890.

M. E. Comp. E. S. Holmes, G. H. P., reports an uneventful year and no decisions. The Grand Council visited all the chapters without previous notice and found them all in good shape, with capable and well-posted officers and the work fully up to the standard. A new chapter was formed at Brightwood.

The following report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted:—

"The M. E. Grand High Priest has called the attention of your committee to 'the practice of lending candidates to Chapters other than that in which such candidates were elected,'—'the arrangements being usually made by the M. E. High Priests, without the consent, or even the knowledge of the chapters over which they preside.'

"The practice referred to by the M. E. Grand High Priest is not, in the opinion of your Committee, in strict compliance with the requirements of Masonic law, although no complaint from any source has been made against it.

"The spirit of accommodation does not invest the High Priest of a Chapter with the power of disposing of its material at his pleasure. The power to loan material to other Chapters to enable them to confer the Royal Arch degrees, or to request another Chapter to perform a courtesy by conferring degrees, rests solely with the Chapter having jurisdiction over the material, and not with its High Priest. A Chapter may, however, at a regular Convocation, authorize its High Priest to act for and in its behalf.

"For the purpose of meeting the object of the question submitted by the M. E. Grand High Priest, your Committee submit for adoption as a standing resolution, the following:

"*Resolved*, That in all cases where it is desirable for one Chapter of this Jurisdiction to confer any of the Capital degrees upon candidates elected in another Chapter, the Chapter having jurisdiction over the candidates, and not its High Priest, unless duly authorized by his Chapter to act for it, must first assent thereto or request the same to be done."

If their standing resolution forbidding the use of substitutes in conferring the Royal Arch Degree was repealed, this practice of "lending candidates" to make up a class of three, would fall into desuetude and there would be no necessity for any special legislation to control the practice.

The following were adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That in conferring the Past Master's degree the Chapters be permitted to continue the work of the degree with all candidates present up to the point of induction."

"*Resolved*, That where an officer of this Grand Chapter or of a constituent Chapter succeeds himself in an elective or an appointive office, he need not be installed."

Comp. William R. Singleton very highly compliments the report of Comp. J. Ross Robertson, in 1890, on Capital Masonry. On public installations, he says they "do not make a public display for mere show, but that the public generally may learn what are the lessons we teach in Masonry—it is their only opportunity." We still insist that in our character as a non-proselytizing institution it is not proper for Masons to make any display for the purpose of teaching the general public anything about our society, that being only another method of canvassing for members or trying to attract the profane.

M. E. Comp. Alex. McKenzie (103 4th St., N. E. Washington), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. L. G. Stephens (Masonic Temple, Washington), G. S.

GEORGIA.

68th Convocation, Macon, April 30th, 1890.

M. E. Comp. James W. Taylor, G. H. P.

He reports three new chapters and the revival of five others, and then says :—

“It is truly very gratifying to welcome back into our ranks, these old Chapters who in the past have contributed so much to the cause in our jurisdiction. I hope they have girded on the armor to fight the battle to the end.

“Several other Chapters are making efforts to revive, which will soon be done and other new ones established if proper encouragement is given. I hope the officers for the ensuing Masonic year will give their influence and some of their time in trying to build up the waste places, for truly the harvest is great.

“The rapid development of the resources of our jurisdiction, necessarily build up many new towns and cities, and as a natural consequence Masons congregate at these places and very much desire organization in which they can convene and enjoy the beauties and blessings of Capitular Masonry, and we but add to their comfort and pleasure when we establish Chapters for their convenience, realizing the fact that we advance the cause of morality and science in any community in which a live and working Chapter is established.

“I have refused some applications for a dispensation for new Chapters, not deeming the territory sufficient to sustain them; to all such applications I have advised strict adherence to their old Chapters and by punctual attendance build them up to the full standard.”

The following resolutions were introduced by Comp. Wm. Abram Love, Chairman of Correspondence, and were adopted by the Grand Chapter :—

“*Resolved*, That some steps be taken looking to the establishment of a system of *Foreign and Domestic Correspondence*, as a proper and legitimate channel of intercommunication and information for said several organizations, as to the status and condition of the same for the jurisdictions in this country.

“*Resolved*, That until otherwise ordered, the Grand Secretary in the distribution of our printed Proceedings, do send three copies of the same to the following Grand Bodies, viz. :

The Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Georgia.

The Grand Council, R. & S. M. of Georgia.

The Grand Commandery, K's. T. of Georgia.

The General Grand Chapter, R. A. M. United States of America.

The General Grand Council, R. & S. M. United States of America.

The Grand Encampment, K's. T. United States of America.

“And one copy of the same to :

The Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33°, A. & A. S. R. of Georgia.

The Sovereign Grand Commander, S. J., S. R. United States of America.

The Grand Commander, N. J., A. & A. S. R. United States of America.

“*Resolved*, That the above and foregoing Bodies and officers be, and they are hereby, respectfully requested to reciprocate by sending severally and respectively, copies of their printed Proceedings to our Grand Secretary to be distributed as are the printed Proceedings of sister Grand Chapters in Fraternal Correspondence with this, that is one copy to the library of this Grand Chapter; one copy to the Grand High Priest, and one copy to the Committee on Foreign and Domestic Correspondence. Furthermore, be it

“*Resolved*, That the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be, and they are hereby, directed to include in their several reports, from year to year, a review of the printed Proceedings of such Bodies, herein before designated, as may be received by them. Furthermore, be it

“*Resolved*, That the various Bodies composing this American system be, and they are hereby, respectfully and fraternally requested, to give this matter their earnest attention, and to lend their aid in opening the proposed channel of information and intercommunication as herein proposed, by the adoption of this or some other plan for the accomplishment of the desired end. Furthermore, be it

“*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed by this Grand Chapter with power and instruction to communicate with the several Grand Bodies of this State, and of other jurisdictions included within the scope of these resolutions, with a view to the consummation of the object herein contemplated, and to suggest that the Correspondents of the several jurisdictions be requested to review respectively and reciprocally the Proceedings of the several Grand Bodies of their respective States or Territorial Jurisdictions. Furthermore, be it

“*Resolved*, That said committee report progress at the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Body, and thence annually continuing their work from time to time and from year to year, until such time as the contemplated Foreign and Domestic Corres-

pondence and fraternal inter-communication shall have been established, or until such time as it may become evident that such a channel cannot be opened, or such a system worked as is contemplated in the body of these resolutions."

As each Grand Body has (or should have) a separate report on correspondence, giving full information as to the state of the craft in its different branches, we can see no necessity for the procedure outlined in the above resolutions.

They have forty-four chapters and 1677 members, being a gain of six chapters and 329 members, which is a very good showing for these hard times.

Comp. Love reviews our proceedings of 1889.

M.E. Comp. James W. Taylor (Luthersville), G.H.P.

R.E. Comp. A. M. Wolihin (Macon), G.S.

ILLINOIS.

41st Convocation, Chicago, Oct. 30th, 1890

M.E. Comp. Joseph E. Dyas, G.H.P.

His decisions were as follows :—

"1 That the proper title of the officers of the Veils in a Subordinate Chapter is Master of the first, second, or third veil as the case may be, omitting the word 'Grand.' I arrived at this conclusion from the language of Sec. 45 of our By-Laws which reads, 'The officers of a Subordinate Chapter shall be styled * * * as follows: * * * Master 3d Veil,' etc.

"2 That it is the common law of Masonry that the officers of a chapter cannot be elected in any other manner than by ballot, that they must be installed before assuming their offices and that their term of office is one year.

"3. That in the absence of three principal officers the Junior Past High Priest present can preside at any Convocation of the Chapter.

"4 That the recommendation by a Chapter for the formation of a new Chapter must be unconditional.

"5. A Master Mason residing in another State and a member of a lodge in this State is not eligible to receive the Chapter degrees in this State, unless with the consent of the Chapter in whose jurisdiction he resides. Residence of petitioner and not location of lodge determines the jurisdiction of the Chapter to receive a petition for the degrees."

Two new chapters were organized.

R.E. Comp. Wm. Forbes was reappointed as their representative near the Grand Chapter of Canada.

The following report of the Committee on Printing was adopted :—

"At the request of the Grand Secretary we present the following proposition regarding a new manner of printing and distributing the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter. The Grand Secretary proposes to have the matter contained in the Book of Proceedings, issued in monthly or bi-monthly parts, each part to contain from 32 to 64 pages. Provided this plan is adopted, it is proposed to begin the publication with the month of October, which number would contain only the journal of the business transacted at the Annual Convocation. This would insure an early issue of that portion. The numbers for November and December would contain what is usually printed in the Appendix.

"In January or February, the Report on Correspondence would commence and be continued in each number, closing with September.

"These latter parts would also contain the Circulars and Edicts which are now issued from time to time, as required in circular form.

"The claim is made for this plan that it would present the matters in small amounts and thus insure greater certainty of perusal and study by the officers and members to whom the parts are mailed each time of issue.

"Especially would it give greater prominence to the report on Correspondence, bringing it fresh before the readers immediately after the review of Proceedings of Sister Jurisdictions are made and in such quantity at one time as to make it much more sure of perusal.

"It is asked that this proposition be referred to a special committee, for study, investigation and report at our next Convocation.

"It is thought that there would be no more expense attending this mode of publication than there is in the present one."

The above is a novel proposition and the arguments in its favour seem worthy of attention. Probably it will require the test of experience before being pronounced successful.

A donation of \$1000 was made to the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home.

It is very gratifying to note that in so large a jurisdiction as Illinois, having over 13,500 Royal Arch Masons, no grievances came before the Grand Chapter for consideration.

Comp. John M. Pearson reports on correspondence. Canada for 1890 receives kindly mention and numerous extracts are given from our proceedings. In his review of Massachusetts we find this :—

"Under California, referring to Companion Caswell's remedy for non-affiliation, which he tersely states thus, '*affiliate in six months, or die*, (Masonically)'" He says :

"That law is *local*, however, and we doubt very much whether it will ever become general. It is the most heartless Masonic law on record. We will not argue the question at this time, but wait and see what Correspondents have to say upon the subject.

"Of course, it is very *local* and we hope it will long remain so. In the course of official duties we met, a few weeks since, an old man, a Mason, among a company of zealous, younger men, anxious to form a new lodge. His dimit, carefully preserved, yellow with age, was presented. It was more than thirty years old, from a lodge in Kentucky, whence he had come to Illinois at about that time. Almost a pioneer, he had lived where there was no *convenient* lodge, but now, when the railroad had brought him neighbours and a new city was built where a farm had been, and a lodge was proposed, his heart was made glad, and the old dimit discovered and brought to light, and the brethren were glad to meet him, and we were glad to insert his name among those to whom we issued the Dispensation for the new lodge. The '*statute of limitations*' doesn't run against an old Mason in Illinois. We are glad to welcome them back to fields of labor, *whenever they wish to come*, and not before. At the same time we will add '*the sooner the better*.'"

M. E. Comp. Edward C. Pace (Ashley), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Gil. W. Barnard (Chicago), G. S.

INDIANA.

45th Convocation, Indianapolis, Oct. 22nd, 1890.

M. E. Comp. Elmer Crockett, G. H. P.

Their net increase was 131, and the total membership is 5,443, indicating a fairly prosperous year. Comp. Crockett thinks that the Grand Representatives should not be changed every third year, so long as they are worthy and faithful. On visitations, he says :—

"I believe that for the benefit of subordinate Chapters each one should be visited by a Grand Officer at least once each year, yet I am fully satisfied that it is impossible for such an arrangement to be made. All will agree that if a system of visitation and inspection should be inaugurated it would prove of great value to the Craft. In other words, it would pay. No competent companion, however, can be expected to perform this work without the hope of fee or reward. Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction has long felt the want of a Grand Lecturer. Besides the many other advantages growing out of the visitations of such an officer he could assist in checking the evils that exist to some extent within our borders. Among them may be mentioned that of calling Chapters from labour to refreshments for an indefinite period. This is in direct violation of Section 48, General Regulations, and should be discouraged. With the exception of degree work there is nothing better calculated to keep up an interest among the officers and companions of a Chapter than frequently opening and closing the same with the full, appropriate ceremonies. I bring this matter to your attention with the hope that in the near future arrangements may be made to inaugurate a system of visitation in this jurisdiction."

The Grand Secretary reports that there is not a delinquent chapter in the state.

Resolutions to district the state and appoint inspectors for each district to visit all the chapters and to pay the expenses of the inspectors out of the funds of Grand Chapter were proposed and then laid over until the next meeting.

The report on correspondence is by Comp. Thomas B. Long. Our proceedings of 1890 receive a good notice.

M. E. Comp. Jacob W. Smith (Indianapolis), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. William H. Smythe (Indianapolis), G. S.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

First annual Convocation, Muskogee, Nov. 6th, 1890.

M. E. Comp. Joseph S. Murrow, G. H. P.

From his excellent address we copy the following historical remarks:—

“For the information of companions in other jurisdictions as well as for those who are to come after us in our own Territory, it seems to me *right* that there shall be put upon record the main reasons that determined us in the founding of this Grand Chapter, and a brief history of the difficulties we had to meet and overcome.

“For several years previous to 1889, the three Chapters then in the Territory carefully considered the propriety of organizing a Grand Chapter. The reasons for and against such a movement were thoughtfully discussed. No false ambition, no love for title or name influenced any one. Our weakness numerically and financially was recognized.

“The great administrative and legislative responsibility resting upon a Grand Chapter involving the well being of the constituent Chapters and the good of the Order throughout the Territory, was duly and carefully considered. All this and more was realized.

“On the other hand, here was a country, beautiful and fertile, with an area of 63,000 square miles, and a population of quite 200,000 people and increasing rapidly.

“The very successful and healthful history of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory afforded good ground for believing that a Grand Chapter would also do well. The Grand Lodge was organized in 1874 under very discouraging circumstances.

“There were only three lodges and not exceeding sixty members, and not one dollar in the treasury. Not one brother could claim more than a moderate knowledge of Masonic jurisprudence and no experience in Grand Lodge business. In addition to all this there was internal and external opposition.

“And yet the growth of this little aboriginal Grand Body has been steady and healthy. Managed with wisdom, prudence and firmness, it has increased from three to thirty-eight lodges, from sixty to over thirteen hundred members. Its receipts each year exceed its expenses. It has expended considerable sums of money in charity at home and abroad, and in educating poor children. It is now laying up money to build a Widows' and Orphans' Home.

“Some of its members are men of acknowledged Masonic legal ability, and its proceedings and reports on correspondence are favorably and kindly mentioned everywhere. The same men who so successfully manage the affairs of the Grand Lodge will also have control of the Grand Chapter.

“Again. The condition of Capitular Masonry in the Territory was considered and regarded as another reason why a Grand Chapter should be organized.

“The first Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Indian Territory was organized by the General Grand Chapter in 1873. In 1889, eleven years after, there were only four in the whole Territory. Blue Lodge Masons if worthy are *entitled* to the Chapter degrees. If true and tried stones they have a *right* to more light, to be built into the new temple and the ‘powers that be’ should afford the opportunity for these privileges. The Chapters in the Territory were so remote from many of the Lodges that the brethren could not without great inconvenience, loss of time and expense, secure the Chapter degrees.

“The General Grand Chapter was so far away, and had so little touch and sympathy with Masonry in the Territory that there was no incentive, no moving power to encourage the organization of new Chapters. All the interest the General Grand Chapter seemed to feel was to secure the dues and fees at the end of each year.

“These dues and fees too are excessive in proportion to those paid by Grand Chapters. Chapters subordinate to the General Grand Chapters pay fifty cents dues per member annually, while Grand Chapters pay only one cent per member.

“The report of the General Grand Secretary, Companion C. G. Fox, to the General Grand Chapter in 1889, shows that Oklahoma Chapter, Indian Territory, with an average of thirty members, paid \$36.50 dues for the three years 1886, '87, '88, to the General Grand Chapter, while the Grand Chapter of Delaware, with an average of 280 members paid for the same three years the enormous sum of \$8.84. The great State of Alabama, with an average of 557 members paid \$16.72 for the three years. With twenty times more members, Alabama paid less than one-third as much dues as Oklahoma Chapter. During those three years the four Chapters in Indian Territory, with not exceeding 100 members, paid a larger sum into the treasury of the General Grand Chapter than any of the great States except Illinois, New York and Ohio, or more than Massachusetts, for instance, with over 10,000 members. Is this right and just? But some one will say, ‘You save nothing to the Subordinate Chapters by organizing a Grand Chapter, for the dues and fees will be just as great.’ Granted. But what does the General

Grand Chapter do with these dues and fees? Expend them in building up the Order on the destitute fields? Not much. The General Grand Chapter now has some \$15,000 somewhere, in some bank I suppose. The dues and fees paid by the Subordinate Chapters to a Grand Chapter go to build up the Order in the home territory. The Chapters themselves, through their representatives, manage these funds and expend them for the good of the Order in their own jurisdiction.

"The representatives of the Subordinate Chapters in the General Grand Chapter are only a drop in the bucket. They are so few as compared with the representatives from Grand Chapters that their voice is nil. I think I was the only representative from a Subordinate Chapter at Atlanta last year. Once again it was argued by those opposed to the organization of a Grand Chapter in Indian Territory that our numbers were too small, only about one hundred. If you will examine the report of the General Grand Secretary last year you will discover that the Grand Chapter of Delaware has only three Chapters and 292 members. Florida eleven Chapters 364 members. The great State of Alabama with over one million population reports a membership of only 636 in '883. Many other States are in like weak condition. How long these States have been organized into Grand Chapters I do not know. The Grand Chapter of Indian Territory was organized less than nine months ago with four Chapters and about 100 members. It now numbers seven Chapters and over 180 members, a gain of 75 per cent. in Chapters and 80 per cent. in members."

Three new chapters were formed.

M.E. Comp. Edmond H. Doyle (McAlester), G.H.P.

R.E. Comp. Joseph S. Murrow (Atoka), G.S.

IOWA.

37th Convocation, Cedar Rapids, Oct. 9th, 1890.

M.E. Comp. F. H. Loring, G.H.P.

The Grand Chapter of New South Wales was recognized.

A revised constitution was agreed upon and the same committee are to prepare a code supplementary thereto.

The Board of Custodians are to prescribe a method of floor work where it is omitted in the ritual, and they are also to hold schools of instruction as directed in the following resolution:—

"*Resolved*, That the Board of Custodians shall, upon the request of any Chapter, made to the Grand High Priest, hold a school of instruction at such Chapter. The time of holding such school, and the members of the Board holding the same, shall be determined by the Grand High Priest. Such school shall be composed of the representatives of the local Chapter, and all others who may desire to attend. The Custodians holding such school of instruction shall receive for their services \$5 per day and actual expenses, to be paid by the Chapter or Chapters requesting the school of instruction to be held."

They have 108 chapters and 6,402 members, a net increase of thirty-nine. Two new chapters were formed during the year.

M.E. Comp. George A. Quimby (Shenandoah), G.H.P.

R.E. Comp. Alf. Wingate (Des Moines), G.S.

IRELAND.

GRAND OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1891.

King.....	HON. JUDGE TOWNSHEND, LL.D.
Deputy King.....	CHARLES CAPEL MACNAMARA, LL.D.
High Priest.....	ROBERT W. GRIFFIN, LL.D.
Chief Scribe.....	SIR ROBERT HERRON, J.P.
Captain of the Host.....	REV. A. FULLER, D.D.
Supt. of Taber.....	HUGH A. AUCHINLECK, M.D.
Royal Arch Capt.....	ANDREW THOMPSON.
Capt. of Scarlet Veil.....	HENRY HUNT.
Capt. of Purple Veil.....	THOMAS KINAHAN.
Capt. of Blue Veil.....	LOFTUS WALSHE.
Chaplain.....	REV. THOMAS J. WELLAND, A.M.
Treasurer.....	MAXWELL C CLOSE, D.L.
Registrar.....	ARCHIBALD ST. GEORGE.
Janitor.....	JOHN PARKINSON.

The Stated Convocations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland are held at Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, on the first Wednesday in the months of February, May, July, and November, at eight o'clock p.m.

The Royal Arch Board of General Purposes meets at Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, on the Friday preceding each Quarterly Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, at Four o'clock p.m. All Communications to be laid before the Board should reach the Grand Registrar's Office at least one week previous to each meeting.

The Royal Arch Committee of Inspection meets on the Third Monday in each month (excepting August) at Four o'clock p.m. Names of Candidates should be sent in at least one week previously.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction meets at Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, on the Third Thursday in January, February, March, April, and November, at Eight o'clock p.m.

Applications for Royal Arch Warrants (printed forms for which may be had at Freemasons' Hall) must be signed by at least Nine Royal Arch and Mark Master Masons, who must also be Registered Master Masons of at least five years' standing, and subscribing members of some lodge under the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The fee for the Warrant must be lodged with the Memorial, viz.—Ten Pounds for Chapters to be held within the Dublin Masonic District, and Five Pounds for Country, Foreign, or Regimental Chapters.

All communications should be addressed to Companion Archibald St. George, Grand Registrar, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin.

KANSAS.

26th Convocation, Fort Scott, Feb. 16th, 1891.

M.E. Comp. Henry C. Cook, G.H.P.

The past year has been one of unusual prosperity. Two new chapters were formed, and the prospects of the Royal Craft have never been more bright. Through the efforts of the Grand Lecturer, Comp. Jacob Dewitt, some chapters that have been almost dormant for years are now thrifty and active.

The new Grand Chapters of Arizona and Indian Territory were recognized, and action on the application from New South Wales was again deferred. The Committee on Jurisprudence was directed to collate and revise the laws and standing regulations and decisions to date.

They have seventy-four chapters, and 4,175 members.

In the report on correspondence, by the Grand Secretary, we find the following on life membership and dues:—

"We regard life membership in any branch of masonry as wholly out of place, and, where fostered or tolerated, tending only to demoralization and decay. That such is the fact, the masonic history of those jurisdictions where it has obtained or now does, will amply prove" * * *

"In Kansas the question of dues has been fairly settled. A delinquent has two years in which to pay up, and in default thereof, or unless his dues are remitted, he receives permission to consort with the profane and feed on such moral and intellectual mast as may fall in his path."

Canada, for 1890, receives a good notice.

M.E. Comp. Matthew M. Miller (Clay Center), G.H.P.

R.E. Comp. John H. Brown (Kansas City), G.S.

KENTUCKY.

75th Convocation, Louisville, Oct. 21st, 1890.

M.E. Comp. Henry B. Grant, G.H.P.

His address is one of the best of the year. It is so full of practical admonition and suggestion, and so clear in its statement of defects and

the actual condition of things, and so replete with well thought-out recommendations for the improvement of the Royal Craft, that it is a real treat to peruse it. He commenced with their printing, and saved money by economizing space; he disapproves of their habit of publishing the names of all the companions every year; wants an index to the reprint; thinks the report on correspondence should be a compendium like that by Bro. Fellows for the Grand Lodge of Louisiana; wants the charter fee reduced from \$105 to \$50; thinks that insurance should be made obligatory on the chapters; and that presiding officers should be elected for a second term, but not for a third; mentions an odd decision that he saw, "No special objections in the officers of a chapter having their photographs taken in full robes," and he has the following remarks on Grand Representatives, in which there is a good deal more than a modicum of truth and wisdom:—

"This modern 'system' may be gratifying to personal pride, but if there is anything else to recommend the absurdity, I have failed to discover it. The objections to it are manifold though they may not be weighty.

"First of all, it is an innovation, fictitious and misleading. It is expensive, confusing and a worryment. It goes beyond the inter-State communications, and aspires to the formal intercourse between nations. 'Grand Representatives,' so called, sometimes, move out of the State, retain their commissions, and yet are borne on the rolls. Some of them have never attended the Grand bodies to which they are accredited, and if they did, would have no voice, vote or duty there. They do not make reports to anyone, not so much as to acknowledge the receipt of documents and proceedings sent to them, with but one exception, so far as I know. I have the honor to represent five Grand bodies, and made it a rule to report to them prior to the meetings of the bodies to which I was accredited, and soon after the close of the bodies, sent a synopsis of the proceedings. Failing to receive the slightest notice of such reports, with one or two exceptions, I abandoned the plan but try to look wise and say nothing.

"If there was anything for such officers—or whatever they are—to do, correspondence would be conducted better for all concerned through the Secretary, when more satisfactory notice of the thing done or to be done would be made; brought up in better shape, and the documents, if worth preservation, would be filed where they belong.

"To overcome some of the inconveniences of the system, commissions have been made to expire at stated periods, but that only increases the bother, and in jurisdictions where it is practised, we have the recommendations for our representatives near some 'foreign court,' and are requested to sanction some nominee for our own, so that the poor satisfaction of naming some learned and distinguished brother is denied us, unless we get in the first blow.

"It takes more correspondence to attend to 'Grand Representatives' than to all the other correspondence between State Grand bodies, hardly excepting the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. The energy thus expended might be of some benefit, if turned towards building up our own waste places.

"If I should recommend anything on this subject, it would be to wipe out the absurdity, cut off the barnacle, and give old Masonry a chance. The appointments made by me will be found in the Grand Secretary's tables."

The stock in the Louisville Masonic Temple (\$350) was donated to the endowment fund of the Kentucky Masonic Home.

A plan was adopted for districting the state and appointing grand visitors to inspect and instruct all the chapters.

Most of the recommendations of the Grand High Priest were concurred in.

Comp. James W. Staton reports on correspondence, and gives Canada, for 1890, a fair share of his attention.

M. E. Comp. Joshua D. Powers (Owensboro'), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Joseph H. Branham (Louisville), G. S.

LOUISIANA.

44th Convocation, New Orleans, Feb. 10th, 1891.

M. E. Comp. Herman C. Duncan, G. H. P.

His work was considerable, but of an agreeable character. One old chapter was revived, and two others are on the way, besides a prospect of three new ones. We copy the following:—

"In April I received a letter from the capitular authorities of Vermont requesting the appointment of a new Representative. On inquiry the Grand Secretary of that jurisdiction informed me that the only objection to our present Representative was that owing to natural infirmities he was no longer able to attend the meetings of the Grand Chapter. I then replied that under the circumstances I should accept the resignation of M. E. Comp. Hubbard if tendered, but that in consideration of his past services I must decline to remove him solely because he was old."

On the subject of life membership, Comp. Duncan gives us some new light, which is worthy of our serious attention :—

"The other pending amendment has to do with life membership. There are several propositions. One increases the time a companion must serve from ten to fifteen years; while another repeals the provision and substitutes a prohibition against the creation of life members. I would not again argue this question, but I deem it my duty to report to you certain facts bearing on this issue that have come to my knowledge and that I think should be known and considered. I found a Chapter within the year where every member but one had been affiliated over ten years, and were consequently entitled on the law to exemption from dues. Had it been enforced, had a demand been made for its enforcement, that one member would scarcely have consented to pay rent, salaries, etc., all by his own lone self. A provision that acts in this way ought to be repealed, for it is an invitation to suicide.

"Now what is found true of that Chapter might readily become true of a majority of the Chapters. Indeed, two-thirds of our membership are now exempt from the payment of dues. It is within the bounds of reason to imagine nearly every Chapter emasculated like the one cited. Surely we cannot be too urgent to remove this rock that threatens wreck and ruin to all of us. The proposal to increase the term from ten to fifteen years may be a move in the right direction, but it does not go far enough to be effective. In my opinion, carefully formed, it will not be safe, equitable or just to make the term less than twenty-five years. Yet I think life membership an important provision, as a kindly reward to the veteran and as a beacon to encourage continued affiliation.

"I believe the true solution of the problem is this: the question is one for Chapter determination, not for Grand Chapter legislation. The lines now followed in craft-masonry in this jurisdiction are the true ones, life-membership left entirely in the discretion of the lodges. So let it be in capitular masonry. I therefore think the wisest course would be to adopt the first clause of Companion Packwood's proposal and to stop there—the repeal pure, simple, and without substitution, of the provision relative to life-membership."

The Grand Chapter repealed the provision as to life membership without making any substitution, thus leaving the matter entirely in the hands of the subordinate chapters.

Several important resolutions were laid over till next year, in order to secure uniformity in the work, the office of Grand Lecturer was created. They have sixteen chapters and 625 members. With such a small number of chapters we should think that the Grand officers could perform all the duties of a Grand Lecturer themselves, without hurting any of them very much. We lectured and instructed forty lodges in one year, and rather enjoyed it, and paid nearly all our own expenses into the bargain.

M. E. Comp. William T. Benedict (New Orleans), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. J. C. Batchelor (New Orleans), G. S.

MAINE.

65th Convocation, Portland, May 6th, 1890.

M. E. Comp George W. Goulding, G. H. P.

The past year was favourable and prosperous. The Grand High Priest made a number of official visitations, which produced the usual results in increased interest and energy among the companions. All the chapters are now working on one uniform plan. All are financially sound and many of them with a good bank deposit. More brethren were exalted during the year than in any year of the past decade.

The Grand Secretary reports that during his thirty-six years of service, the number of chapters has risen from eight to fifty, and the number of members from 400 to upwards of 4,500. Returns were received from all the chapters, and all dues paid.

Among the Grand representatives who presented their commissions we find Comp. Andrew J. Fuller, of Bath, from the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Comp. Josiah H. Drummond, reports on correspondence with his accustomed ability. Comp. Hungerford's address of 1889 is characterized as "a wonderfully concise and clear statement of his official action, with wise suggestions." Several extracts are given from our report, and in commenting upon one of them he holds that "no association has a right to exist whose principles are not made known to the public." We presume that he means to infer that there is danger to the commonwealth in secret associations whose objects and aims are not known to the world, and that in civilized society the right of the individuals to combine must be limited to purposes which are not detrimental to the general good. So far, so good, but the right to combine must be upheld until it is shown that such combination is injurious to the public weal. That portion of the public which desires to join our Masonic Association has a right to know our objects and aims and principles before joining. But as we do not seek members, as we do not solicit any one to join our society, and as we are forbidden to parade our goodness in order to induce others to join us, we are under no obligation to make known our principles to the general public, and the public at large has no right to know anything about us, so long as we perform our duties as citizens, and do not contravene the laws of the state.

As to our installation ceremonies, we may explain that all of them contain esoteric work besides the peculiar secrets restricted to the "chair" degrees.

In his review of Kentucky, Comp. Drummond has the following on the Past Master's Degree :

"We cannot for the life of us understand why Royal Arch Masons cannot ignore the lodge Past Master's degree, of which, as Royal Arch Masons, they can legally have no knowledge whatever, except that the lodge has something which it calls by the same name : or why they must keep hammering at, and seeking to destroy, the one or the other. Although one family has a child of the same name as a child in another family we can see no reason why either parent should want to *murder his own child* on that account !

"If lodges have a ceremony which they call 'Past Master's degree,' for heaven's sake let *them* 'run it' and not seek to make a chapter 'annex' of it ; nor out of apparently 'mere cussedness,' seek to destroy our own degree (and with it *much of the symbolism of the chapter*) because we cannot 'run' both !"

We are glad to give the following our hearty approval, and, as we have before remarked, the lodges are quite able to take care of their own membership and it is only an injury to the chapters to make an additional qualification for their membership :

"He insists upon requiring members of chapters to continue members of lodges : we do not : it is an innovation of modern times, and not in accord with the old law and practice ; and, moreover, it is an unwarrantable interference with the affairs of the lodge—an attempted guardianship of symbolic Masonry, which prefers to take care of itself ; the right to encourage or attempt to compel masons to remain members of lodges, implies the right to do the opposite. Comp. Staton argues in favor of his position, upon the ground of compelling members of the chapter *to do their duty to the lodge*—a gratuitous interference, which, upon principle, the lodge ought to resent : interference of a *friendly* character is no *less interference*, and opens the door for that which is unfriendly. Depriving a chapter member of rights, because he does not do his duty to the lodge, carries with it the attempt to inquire into the manner in which he performs that duty."

Comp. Drummond saves us all a vast deal of trouble by his compilation of the statistics of Royal Arch Masonry in North America :

GRAND CHAPTERS	Members.	Exaltations	Admissions & Restorations.	Dimissions	Expulsions.	Suspensions.	Suspension for Non-payment of Dues.	Deaths.
Alabama.....	725	105	24	17	0	0	24	15
Arkansas.....	1,689	160	35	56	0	0	24	25
California.....	4,650	273	115	65	0	0	58	89
Canada.....	3,636	244	114	106	0	....	*80	63
Colorado.....	1,561	143	69	20	0	....	*13	13
Connecticut.....	4,610	240	106	17	0	0	10	67
Delaware.....	357	48	1	2	0	....	*1	4
District of Columbia.....	1,524	159	32	20	0	4	21	16
Florida.....	441	48	12	16	2	....	*9	8
Georgia.....	1,667	341	54	58	0	....	*27	35
Illinois.....	13,106	716	161	321	4	....	*186	117
Indiana.....	5,099	379	72	142	5	5	79	65
Iowa.....	6,449	366	84	268	3	....	*146	68
Kansas.....	3,917	347	76	103	1	....	*33	39
Kentucky.....	2,373	177	38	61	7	....	*50	23
Louisiana.....	584	23	16	5	0	....	*6	18
Maine.....	4,690	312	26	58	1	0	64	67
Maryland.....	1,342	125	12	33	1	....	*30	28
Massachusetts.....	10,722	792	....	52	0	....	*152	143
Michigan.....	9,753	622	99	220	25	4	123	107
Minnesota.....	3,275	269	51	76	0	1	84	29
Mississippi.....	1,672	54	39	33	0	0	26	19
Missouri.....	5,265	431	103	143	0	....	*163	65
Nebraska.....	2,176	201	167	30	2	....	*15	21
Nevada.....	353	8	6	4	0	0	13	8
New Brunswick.....	333	16	3	6	0	0	0	8
New Hampshire.....	2,637	135	7	25	0	0	50	39
New Jersey.....	2,736	246	37	49	0	....	*39	49
New York.....	15,646	1,074	238	243	3	0	514	232
North Carolina.....	603	50	5	14	0	0	7	7
North Dakota.....	355	55	8	13	0	....	*3	1
Nova Scotia.....	517	41	7	13	0	....	*11	5
Ohio.....	11,432	725	295	244	16	....	*389	139
Oregon.....	851	63	19	12	1	0	25	12
Pennsylvania.....	12,467	921	97	168	....	....	*188	167
Quebec.....	435	18	4	5	0	....	*3	6
Rhode Island.....	1,879	92	2	2	0	0	17	32
South Carolina.....	407	76	5	6	0	0	5	4
South Dakota.....	1,059	96	21	28	0	....	*9	9
Tennessee.....	2,037	212	145	33	0	0	35	34
Texas.....	4,235	465	136	173	1	....	*81	70
Vermont.....	2,226	169	11	16	2	....	*13	43
Virginia.....	1,383	102	23	66	0	....	*25	24
Washington.....	470	43	19	17	1	2	0	4
West Virginia.....	652	92	12	7	0	....	*7	13
Wisconsin.....	4,468	270	75	92	0	....	*46	50
	157,893	11,532	2,679	3,149	75	16	2,904	2,093

*Including suspensions for U. M. C., and those stricken from the roll.

†Proceedings not received; same as last year.

"This table does not include the chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

"It shows an increase in the total membership and in the items of additions and a decrease in items of losses, except there was a slight increase in dimissions and expulsions.

"Comparing with last year, the total membership in the Grand Chapters is 157,893 against 152,132; the exaltations, 11,532 against 10,448; the admissions and restorations, 2,679 against 2,427; the dimissions, 3,169 against 3,150; the expulsions, 75 against 50; the suspensions (including suspensions for non-payment of dues and dropping from the rolls) 2,920 against 2,947; and the deaths 2,093 against 2,137."

M. E. Comp. Charles I. Collamore (Bangor), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Ira Berry (Portland), G. S.

MARYLAND.

93rd Convocation, Baltimore, Nov. 11th, 1890.

M.E. Comp. Robert K. Martin, G.H.P., is pleased to note the healthy growth and prosperity of the subordinates throughout their jurisdiction. R.E. Comp. R. L. Patterson was reappointed as their representative near Canada.

A standing resolution was adopted forbidding the chapters from remitting any part of the fees for degrees. This seems strange, but the explanation is found in the fact that some chapters were in the habit of refunding these fees to clergymen. Why ministers of the gospel should be treated as children, and get all sorts of things at half-price, we never could understand.

Comp. E. T. Schultz presented his fifteenth report on correspondence, and, with his ripe experience, he can always present a good report. We agree with him, that signing the by-laws is not necessary to make a brother a member, nor to make the by-laws binding upon him. It is usual with us to ask the candidate to affix his signature to the by-laws as a token of his submission to them, but his initiation makes him a member, with all the duties and privileges attached to such membership, and with a joining member, his proposition and acceptance of the same by ballot completes his membership :—

“There can be no possible objection to the members of lodge or chapter affixing their names to the By-Laws, or, which we regard preferable, to the roll of membership; but we strongly object to the position assumed by Companion Caswell, ‘that until a candidate has affixed his signature to the compact (as he terms it), which binds him in common with the rest of his companions, he cannot be considered a member of the Chapter.’

“In Maryland, as we stated last year, a brother becomes a member of the lodge or Chapter which conferred the degrees upon him unless such conferment is done by courtesy for another Body, hence it is not deemed necessary here to sign the By-Laws, to constitute membership. In Massachusetts and in some other jurisdictions (and as it was in Maryland as late as 1844), a brother did not necessarily become a member of the lodge that conferred the degrees upon him, but he could apply for membership to any other lodge equally as well as to the one that made him, and if elected, he became a member of the lodge without any further ceremony.

“The By-Laws cannot be considered ‘the compact which binds in common the candidate with the rest of his Companions.’ If there is any ‘compact’ entered into, it is by the O. B., why not then have the candidate affix his signature to that?

“Although we never signed the By-Laws of either the lodge, Chapter or Commandery to which we are attached, we rather think that should we be guilty of a violation of the By-Laws of either of those bodies, the plea of not having signed them would avail us nothing, for have we not promised in the most solemn manner to comply with the rules and regulations governing the Masonic fraternity as well as the *By-Laws* of the lodge, Chapter and Commandery of which we may be a member! Can the mere affixing of our name to the By-Laws make the obligations we have taken any more binding?”

In his review of Canada, for 1890, we are pleased to notice the kindly and fraternal manner in which the death of our good friend and brother, Henry Macpherson, is mentioned. He was the representative of Maryland, and visited them on several occasions, and he is well and favourably remembered by many of their companions.

On the rights of lodges to control their own membership in financial matters, he says :—

“Now while we approve the practice of lodges and chapters honouring and complimenting those who have rendered long and valuable service to the fraternity, *wherever they see proper to do so*, we heartily agree with him in his opposition to the *Grand Bodies* ‘meddling with the subordinate touching membership.’

“In fact, when one comes to look at the subject seriously, do not our Grand Bodies assume and exercise an authority not warranted by the ancient Charges or general Constitution of Masonry, nor by anything that can be derived by analogy therefrom, when they enact regulations *compelling* their subordinates to deprive their members of the *rights* of Masonry for non-payment of dues, or for non-affiliation? What business

s it to the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter if their subordinates exempt their *entire membership* from payment of dues—provided they pay their dues to the Grand Bodies? The laws of the State *permit* a creditor to bring suit in the courts for the recovery of a debt due him, and if successful! in his suit, to follow it with an execution, but the laws do not say, creditors *shall* bring suit against all defaulting debtors, or that judgment *shall* be followed by execution?

"In Maryland our Grand Bodies assume no control over the matter of honorary life membership, hence those of the subordinates as chose to adopt it, do so."

M. E. Comp. William H. Clarke (Baltimore), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. George L. McCahan (Baltimore), G. S.

MASSACHUSETTS.

At a Quarterly Convocation it was announced that on August 6th, 1890, M. E. Comp. the Rev. John W. Dadmun had closed his earthly career. This sad intelligence has filled our heart with sorrow as we were privileged with his personal acquaintance and had learned to esteem and respect him most highly. He was one of the most lovable of men, kind-hearted almost to a fault, generous, and fully imbued with charity in its widest sense. His knowledge of Freemasonry was only equalled by his consistent practice of all masonic virtues. He was thoroughly conversant with its principles, and was always to be found on the side of justice and right, tempered with abounding mercy towards the erring. He was Chairman of Correspondence for twenty years. His memory will be ever green in the hearts of his companions.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Arthur G. Pollard, thus speaks of him :

"M. E. Comp. Dadmun was widely known, not only for his many masonic accomplishments, but also for his genial and attractive qualities as a man, and his high standing as a clergyman. During his life he filled most acceptably many important positions of trust and responsibility in Masonry, among which were that of Grand High Priest and Committee on Foreign Correspondence of this Grand Chapter. He was a sincere and earnest Mason, and a devout Christian gentleman. His genial disposition, his splendid judgment, his integrity, his honesty and steadfastness of purpose won him hosts of friends during his long and useful life of more than threescore years and ten.

"He has passed beyond the veil, leaving behind a memory fragrant with pleasant associations."

And from a memorial by Comp. Chapman, we take the following :

"'Ring the bell, watchman!' was the last message from our co-worker and long-time companion, the Rev. John W. Dadmun. This was spoken in the discharge of duty, and to the hundreds of boys who were accustomed to sing it under his direction. As the concluding words were being sung, and while his baton was yet in play, he faltered and fell, before the stroke of the unseen reaper, who gathered from the fulness of life to the stillness of death within the space of a few minutes.

"The circumstances attending his death were peculiar and impressive. So far as years count, there were hundreds in the audience who will remember the chilling fact for half a century ; and, as youth ripens into manhood, and that into age, it will linger in their memories as the sanctification of a sacrifice made for the regeneration of the young, and as a signal of safety for advancing age. * * *

"It was on an occasion when the boys at Deer Island had been called into their accustomed place in the chapel, where, with organ and band accompaniment, they were to sing for the pleasure of a company of visitors to the city of Boston representing many States of the Union that our Brother's life-work ended.

"Speaking from his place in the central gallery as was his custom on all similar occasions, he called for the song, 'Ring the Bell, Watchman' These are his last words ; a message of love and duty, sent as he stepped into eternity. This must remain in perpetual record, to remind us that a heroic life can be lived where duty calls, and close in the greatness of work well done."

At the 92nd Convocation, at Boston, on December 9th, 1890, the business transacted was entirely local. The reports of the district deputies show that the subordinates are all in a satisfactory condition. They have 72 chapters and 11,198 members.

The Grand Secretary reports on correspondence and in his review of Canada for 1890 he accounts for all our subordinates not being repre-

sented by reason of our "great territorial jurisdiction." He might have added, for another reason, that we pay no mileage and per diem. Most of our chapters pay the expenses of one delegate, but some of the smaller ones cannot afford to do that every time, and there are quite a number of our companions who attend simply for "the love of the thing." On separation from the Grand Lodge, he says :

"Grand Chapter concurred with this latter opinion ; but, in spite of this, we think that Grand Z. was nearer the mark. 'Great Priory, Grand Council, Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter,' all in 'one short week !' we used to have Grand Encampment and General Grand Chapter in one week, but separation has been of advantage to each. Experience counts for something. This is ours in the United States."

M. E. Comp. J. Albert Blake (Haverhill), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Alfred F. Chapman (Boston) G. S.

MICHIGAN.

42nd Convocation, Detroit, January 20th, 1891.

M. E. Comp. William G. Hudson, G. H. P.

A new chapter was formed at Sault Ste. Marie. The returns show a fair increase of work done. The new Grand Chapters of North Dakota and Indian Territory were recognized. A chapter may remit a companion's dues when the exigences of the case require this to be done, and of this it is the sole judge. They have 120 chapters, and 10,166 members.

The report on correspondence is by Comp. Garra B. Noble, a new hand, but a good one. Canada, for 1890, is accorded five pages.

M. E. Comp. Samuel C. Randall (Flint), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. William P. Innes (Grand Rapids), G. S.

MINNESOTA.

29th Convocation, St. Paul, Oct. 14th, 1890.

M. E. Comp. Hugh Kirkwood, G. H. P.

He reports three new chapters. By his exertions at Atlanta, he secured the meeting of the General Grand Chapter at Minneapolis, in July, 1891. He ruled in favour of the use of substitutes, and that nine members form a quorum.

The following report on library was adopted :—

"Your Committee, appointed two years ago to confer with the other Grand Bodies in relation to the establishment and maintenance of a Masonic library in this State, would respectfully report that the matter was undertaken by the Grand Lodge at its last annual communication, and we would therefore recommend that the books and pamphlets belonging to this Grand Body be turned over to the Grand Lodge for that purpose, with the proviso that they shall always be accessible to the officers, committees and members of this Grand Body."

The sum of \$250 was voted to the widow of their late Grand Secretary, Comp. A. T. C. Pierson.

The Grand Chapter decided that any member in good standing, and clear of the books, is entitled to a dimit.

The Grand Secretary reports on correspondence, and reviews our proceedings for 1890.

M. E. Comp. A. Brandenburg (Fergus Falls), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Thos. Montgomery (St. Paul), G. S.

MISSISSIPPI.

42nd Convocation, Greenville, February 12th, 1890.

M. E. Comp. A. D. Bailey, G. H. P.

On the state of the Craft, he says :—

"This has been a year of much interest to our Order, and there has been much activity manifested in some of our Chapters, but I regret very much that I cannot report Royal Arch Masonry in a more flourishing condition in this State than it is at present. There seems to be a lethargy in most of the Chapters, the cause of which I am unable to account for. I had the hope when I assumed the duties of Grand High Priest that I would be able to report at this time a revival of most of the dormant Chapters in the State by reason of a resolution adopted by the Grand Chapter at its last Convocation granting the defunct Chapters six months in which to have their charters restored, and be exempt from dues up to the date of re-organization.

"I trust that your combined wisdom at this convocation will devise a remedy whereby these defunct Chapters can be revived.

"It affords me great pleasure, my companions, to report that peace and harmony prevails throughout our Grand Jurisdiction, and with our sister Grand Jurisdictions, so far as I have been able to learn."

He reports one new chapter.

A thorough revision of the list of Grand representatives is to be made, and the triennial term was adopted.

The "double" mileage was very properly cut off.

The Grand Lecturer has great hopes for the future, and sees the signs of a coming revival in interest and energy.

Resolutions were adopted, looking to the establishment of a Masonic Home.

The report on correspondence is by Comp P. M. Savery. He has a good notice of our proceedings of 1889. In the conclusion of his report he has the following eloquent remarks:—

"Among subjects now prominent before the Craft, we find that of 'Masonic Home; pre-eminent, and 'tis well it should be so, for studded as are crowns of the Sovereign Grand Jurisdictions with gems of clarity and love, the jewel of Masonic Home is Kohinoor of all. Kentucky, New York and Illinois have each this treasure. Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Nebraska, et al., are determined that a Home shall be erected within their limits at an early day, and we know that Mississippi will not consent to march in the rear of the grand column of progress. A Masonic Home is a beautiful stone prepared for the Mystic Temple that will receive the approval of the Supreme Grand Architect. 'Tis a memorial of Masonic work that will be handed down to generations who will occupy it for ages after we are numbered with the dead; it is an enterprise worthy of prominence in the labour of the most ancient fraternity known on earth—worthy of their sympathy, their zeal, their love, their material aid. Mississippi has no surplus in the treasury of the Grand Chapter, but let it be generally known that a Home for indigent and distressed Masons, their widows and orphans is to be established, and we feel well assured that a large number of zealous Craftsmen will rally to the Capital standard. Non-affiliants will return to work, many good and true men will seek admission into the Fraternity—and—the shekels will multiply in the treasury a thousand fold. Let the good work go on. A Masonic Home will shed a halo of light wherever established, and warm the hearts of the widow and orphan and invoke benediction of God from good and true Craftsmen wheresoever dispersed."

M. E. Comp. W. R. Trigg (Greenville), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. J. L. Power (Jackson), G. S.

MISSOURI.

43rd Convocation, St. Louis, April 24th, 1890.

M. E. Comp. James P. Wood, G. H. P.

Everything has moved along in perfect unison, with a healthy growth of interest and increase of membership, and only two chapters out of ninety-seven will demand the attention of the incoming officers.

Comp. Allan McDowell, Grand Lecturer since 1870, resigned his position, as his time was fully occupied as Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge.

Two new chapters were organized, and four state chapters of instruction were held, at which the work was exemplified and much good was accomplished.

Their new Masonic home is now in successful operation, and the fraternity throughout the State manifest a lively interest in its welfare.

The Grand Secretary reports on correspondence, and in his review of South Carolina we find the following sensible remarks :—

"We do not agree with Comp. Clark that these 'numerous beneficiary organizations that are continually springing up all over the country' 'are sucking the life blood out of Masonry.' They, many of them, are of mushroom growth, and are built to great proportions in a short time, by the over persuasion of zealous friends, or by the slick tongue and flattering speech of some smooth, well-paid organizing agent, who in many cases makes rash promises that are not and cannot be fulfilled, yet they catch many by their persistent button-holing and flattering promises, they spring up and attract much attention and are talked of and written about for a while, but many of them soon die out and are forgotten, and some new fad or fancy with more flattering promises and more aggressive agents takes its place and demands public patronage. The hill-sides and valleys of the North American continent are strewn with the bleaching bones of many organizations and societies, while Freemasonry marches along slowly and noiselessly, without rash promises or soliciting agents, yet commanding the respect of the civilized world and attracting to its folds of their own free will and accord, men of brains, of education, of high moral standing in municipal, state, national, ecclesiastical, mercantile and professional circles, making its votaries better men, more liberal and charitable citizens."

Comp. Mayo thinks it is rather strange that the three Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia do not join the other thirty-nine in acknowledging allegiance to the General Grand Chapter.

M.E. Comp. James B. Austin (St. Louis), G.H.P.

R.E. Comp. William H. Mayo (St. Louis), G.S.

NEBRASKA,

23rd Convocation, Fremont, December 11th, 1889.

M.E. Comp. Charles A. Holmes G.H.P., reports a substantial growth and three new chapters. His decisions appear to be sound :—

"*First Question.*—From Chadron Chapter, U. D. A chapter U. D. is granted a special dispensation to receive and ballot upon petitions without regard to time. The candidates are elected and the degrees of Mark Master and Past Master are conferred, the dispensation for the chapter expires, the Grand Chapter granting a charter, and the new chapter is duly constituted thereunder. Query, Has the new chapter the right to confer the remaining degrees without another ballot !

"*Answer.*—Yes, one ballot only is required for the Capitular degrees. A chapter under dispensation merges into the new chapter when duly constituted, and all unfinished work will be completed in the newly constituted chapter.

"*Second Question.*—Palmer Chapter, No. 31 : A laudable effort is being made in this chapter to require all candidates for chapter degrees to become proficient Master Masons before receiving the petitions. Query, How and when can we examine the candidate as to his skill in the preceding degrees ? Can we open a lodge of Master Masons ?

"*Answer.*—The constitution of the Grand Chapter furnishes the answer to this question. See Art. VI., Sec. 2, and the following from Sec. 8 : 'Before advancement each candidate shall prove himself to be a skilful workman as a Master Mason by examination before the council.'

"I report this query and the answer not because it is difficult of solution, but for the purpose of calling the attention of the Grand Chapter to the fact that such is the law, and to recommend that a strenuous effort be made by the subordinate chapters to conform to its requirements, or that this clause of section eight (8) be repealed.

"*Third Question.*—Livingston Chapter, No. 10 : First, When a companion applies for admission, must his mark accompany his demit !

"*Answer.*—No.

"Second, If elected to membership, without a mark, has the chapter a right to demand that he afterwards register his mark in the lodge book of marks.

"*Answer.*—Each companion should select his mark and have it recorded, as the law requires of each Mark-Master Mason. The constitution of our Grand Chapter undoubtedly sought to require this of all Royal Arch Masons, but I find no provision for enforcing it upon a companion who becomes a member by admission. However, it is proper to request and urge a companion without a mark to make a selection, and the Companion who is admitted to the rights and honours of our Royal Craft should cheerfully conform to the requirements of the law in his new Masonic home."

The following was adopted :—

"That nine members are necessary to open a chapter of Royal Arch Masons, eight brethren may open and work as a lodge of Mark Masters, seven as a lodge of Past Masters and seven as a lodge of Most Excellent Masters."

It was also decided that it was not necessary to open a chapter preliminary to opening a Lodge of Mark, Past or Most Excellent Master Masons; and that dispensations to ballot on a petition, without such petition lying over for one month, should not be issued.

M. E. Comp. Milton J. Hull (Edgar), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. William R. Bowen (Omaha), G. S.

NEVADA.

17th Convocation, Carson City, June 9th, 1890.

M. E. Comp. Philip A. Doyle, G. H. P.

The membership has not increased, but more work has been done in the chapters.

In the introduction of his report on correspondence, Comp. Frank Bell says:—

“For the information of some of our Eastern Companions, who think our report too short, and not sufficient space given to their particular chapters, we can only say they cannot regret it more than we do. Wait! When the white metal product of our mines occupies its proper place by the side of the yellow metal, then thousands of sturdy miners will inhabit our mountains, delving and producing silver, and a like number of our fertile valleys, raising food for them. Then Nevada will flourish, so will the Royal Craft, and we can then give the Committee on Correspondence unlimited sway, and send out a report equal to that furnished by our more opulent brethren.”

Canada, for 1889, is well noticed.

M. E. Comp. John H. Hubbs (Virginia City), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Chauncey N. Noteware (Carson City), G. S.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

72nd Convocation, Concord, May 20th, 1890.

M. E. Comp. Nathan P. Hunt, G. H. P.

Harmony and prosperity prevail. The Grand High Priest did not issue any dispensation during the year for any purpose.

On the Past Masters' degree, the committee on doings of Grand officers say:—

“The Degree of Past Master as communicated to the Worshipful Master elect of a Blue Lodge is of traditional history. There is no doubt that it existed and was practised long before the chapter system was established in this country. It is not necessary for the occasion of this report, to discuss its purpose or manner of communication. Suffice to say its origin, history and use have been entirely distinct and separate from the same degree as it appears in the chapter system. As we understand, this degree was not originally included among the chapter degrees, but was at an early period, however, incorporated and became one of them as now practised.

“The law is quite firmly established in this country, and universally conceded to be correct so far as we are informed, that the degree of Past Master is one of the capitular grade, and is independent and distinct from the degree communicated to Masters elect of lodges, although to a certain extent having the same characteristics as either of the other degrees of that grade.”

It was decided that dues do not accrue against a companion during his suspension.

Comp. Albert S. Wait has a good report on correspondence, which includes a notice of Canada, for 1889. We are in accord with Comp. Wait in his views on the impropriety of affixing severe penalties on non-affiliates. As Masonry is free, so a brother should be at liberty to withdraw when he chooses:—

“In his review of California he pronounces the law of that jurisdiction, which makes unaffiliation within the jurisdiction for the space of six months an offence subjecting the party to suspension from the rights and privileges of masonry, ‘the most heartless Masonic law on record,’ and he doubts whether it will ever become general. On our own part we do not think such a law can ever commend itself to the Masonic mind. We

agree that non-affiliates have no claims upon lodges, as matter of right, but there is nothing in the nature of non-affiliation which justifies its treatment as a Masonic crime, and we do insist that Lodges and Chapters have the right, of which they cannot properly be deprived, to extend their charities to such brethren and companions. We insist further that brethren and companions, as individual Masons, have not only the right, but that it is their duty, to extend to such brethren and companions, being otherwise worthy, recognition as Masons, in all social and charitable ways, and that this is a right and a duty of which they cannot lawfully be deprived by any Masonic power whatever. That Grand Lodges and Grand Chapters can make laws, and enforce them by pains and penalties, is doubtless true, but this is a case where we think those bodies have transcended the boundaries of legitimate power, and that the act ought not to be recognized as law elsewhere."

M.E. Comp. Nathan P. Hunt (Manchester), G.H.P.

R.E. Comp. George P. Cleaves (Concord), G.S.

NEW JERSEY.

35th Convocation, Trenton, May 13th, 1891.

M.E. Comp. William H. Sebring, G.H.P.

The general condition of nearly all the chapters is good, and every chapter but one has received an official visit. On the subject of special dispensations, the Grand High Priest says:—

"With regret I notice the continued applications from subordinate chapters for dispensations to rectify the carelessness and errors of those in authority, and for which I fail to see any valid reason. Masonic offices are Masonic trusts, and only as such should they be accepted by those who aspire to official position or accept them from the suffrages of their companions. Acceptance is a virtual recognition and assumption of the responsibilities and consequent sacrifice necessarily connected with them, which never should be lost sight of. The failure to hold annual elections at times prescribed by the General Regulations is without excuse, and is a failure in the performance of a duty and trust that have been reposed in the presiding officer deserving of unqualified censure. While taught that Masonry is not intended to interfere with our usual vocation, we are also required to be prompt in the discharge of duty, and these special occasions coming upon certain well-known dates, surely ought and might be prepared for were the desire strong enough and tending in a proper direction."

The Grand Chapter ordered that in future all chapters must require candidates to memorize the lectures, and pass examination thereon in open lodge before exaltation.

From the following, from the report of the committee on constitutions, it appears that they do not propose to allow the General Grand Chapter to interfere with their regulations as to their membership:—

"1st. That the first decision of the Grand High Priest with regard to receiving a dimitted Master Mason into membership of a chapter, is covered by decision No. 6 of Past Grand High Priest Charles M. Zeh, in 1865, and which is still in force: 'A dimitted Mason in good standing can be received into a chapter.'

"The decision is, therefore, exactly in line with the precedents and the law as established in this jurisdiction.

"The action of the General Grand Chapter in a similar case, arising in one of its subordinates, was to the same effect. A resolution subsequently adopted by the General Grand Chapter, prescribing a rule for the future as to membership of non-affiliated Master Masons in its subordinates, can have no application under the Constitution of the General Grand Body, to the case reported by the Grand High Priest, as supposed by him. This Grand Chapter has the right to adopt such regulations on this subject as it may deem expedient."

But notwithstanding the adoption of the above report, the Grand Chapter afterwards adopted the following resolution, which, in our opinion, is a backward step:—

"Resolved, That hereafter no subordinate chapters shall receive petitions for degrees or affiliations from non-affiliated Master Masons; and that decision No. 6 of present digest be rescinded so far as refers to the reception of future petitions."

Comp. Henry Vehslage reviews forty Grand Chapters, including Canada for 1890.

M.E. Comp. Robert A. Simson (Jersey City), G.H.P.

R.E. Comp. George B. Edwards (Jersey City), G.S.

NEW YORK.

94th Convocation, Albany, February 3rd, 1891.

M. E. Comp. William J. McDonald, G. H. P.

In his opening remarks, he says :—

"It is with much pleasure and satisfaction that I announce to you that the Royal Craft of our Great Jurisdiction is in a very prosperous and harmonious condition. The fact that we have a Grand Secretary who not only knows but attends to the duties of the office, a Grand Lecturer who is always ready to bring the blind by a way that they knew not, and a LAWRENCE who had the courage to commence, and carry to a successful issue, the stupendous task of releasing the Craft from the embarrassing position in which it had been placed, have contributed very largely to produce this flourishing and happy state."

In the report of the Grand Secretary, we find the clearest view of the state of the craft :—

"The chapter returns show a large increase of numbers in a few instances, a marked degree of improvement in several of the chapters hitherto and for years in a state of inactivity, the same steady growth in a majority of the chapters, which has heretofore regularly characterized their progress, the usual number of subordinates that have either made no advance or have retrograded in condition, yet on the whole the table of statistics, prepared from the returns indicates, a fair degree of general prosperity."

The new Grand Chapters of Indian Territory and Arizona were recognized and representatives exchanged. Action on the application of New South Wales was deferred.

A committee was appointed to adjust and harmonize the standing resolutions and decisions.

The General Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. David F. Day, was in attendance, and received all the honours pertaining to his exalted position.

They have 186 chapters and 16,145 members.

The report on correspondence, by Comp. George J. Gardner covers 190 pages. Canada, for 1890, is reviewed very extensively, and largely extracted from. He thinks that the meeting of Grand Chapter should be separated from that of the Grand Lodge, and that time will prove the views of Comp. Hungerford to be correct.

In the eloquent address of the Grand Chaplain, Comp. Rev. James Byron Murray, on Saint John the Baptist, we find the following :—

"Early tradition has given St. John the Baptist a special position in the Order as a Burning and Shining Light. Later tradition has connected him with Masonry through the crusades. In the Wars of the Cross it is said that 24,000 Scottish Masons were engaged side by side with the Crusaders. They were inspired by the grand idea that the Temple would again be built on Mount Zion. After severe struggles and deeds of valor among the bravest in history, they were admitted to the Order of the Templars. In return for this favor, the Knights of the Temple were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, and thus have been joined in the bonds of enduring brotherhood, the Royal Order of the Temple Workers, and the Royal Order of the Cross. Amid the many battles which took place with Turk and Saracen was one on St. John's day, and it proved to be a victory in answer to earnest prayer on the part of the Crusaders. From that victory the Baptist has been regarded as connected with Masonry, and has been one of the patrons to whom the Lodges of Masonry are dedicated. He was in a high sense the incarnation of those principles which give life and power to Masonry and made it among the institutions of man's formation the most beautiful and the most enduring. And it is the glory of the Order, that whether he was connected with it, through the form of the Essenes, that pure society of the desert, or with it in a more modern form, he is more than a memory it celebrates. He comes into it by his splendid victories of morality and righteousness. For, like all institutions which claim an interest in humanity, it has its prophets and seers, who proclaim its right to live and abide. And St. John takes his place in it, among the rulers and benefactors, the exalted ones who have adorned it by their teaching and work. Standing against that circle with its parallel lines, he is a pillar of strength in the Temple whose inspiration is the brotherhood of man, and whose chiselled walls are the men of all nations."

M. E. Comp. William J. McDonald (New York,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Christopher G. Fox (Buffalo,) G. S.

NORTH CAROLINA.

42nd Convocation, Asheville, June 10th, 1890.

R. E. Comp. Francis M. Moye, Deputy G. H. P., Presiding.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Morris M. Katz, was absent through illness and his address was read by the Grand King. Comp. Katz very properly decided that a companion in good standing in his chapter, although suspended or excluded by his lodge for non-payment of dues, was entitled to a dimit from his chapter. But, rather inconsistently, he would not allow an unaffiliated Mason to become a member of one of his chapters. We should think that they would be glad to get all the strength they could in their chapters and not put obstacles in the way. There is no sound rule for requiring lodge membership to be a necessary qualification for chapter membership. The lodges are not complaining, then why should the chapters voluntarily weaken themselves

Comp. Katz believes that Royal Arch Masonry is on the increase throughout the entire state, which is a consummation devoutly to be wished.

Three dormant chapters were revived. They have sixteen chapters and 629 members. Exaltations, thirty-three.

Comp. James Southgate reports on correspondence, and in his review of Canada for 1889, he notices our confirmation of the minutes of the previous convocation, and says that "the usual custom is to adopt the proceedings at the meeting at which the transactions are had, that those present may pass on their own acts," in which there is more truth than poetry. On the actual presence of the charter, he says:—

"We differ with both positions of the companions and believe that the charter is nothing more than an evidence of a permission on the part of the Grand Body empowering the subordinate to work. It may be kept for safety in the Master's iron safe, and, like the license of a minister of the gospel, authorizes that certain things may be done, such as preaching the Word, administering the ordinances of the church, officiating at marriages and burials, but must the preacher be compelled to have his license in the pulpit or carry it in his pocket? Nay, verily, but so long as the license is in his possession where he can produce it when called for is all that is necessary. So with the charter of lodge or chapter. What is a lodge? We are told that it is 'an assemblage of Masons, with a charter or warrant empowering them to work,' and so long as they have it in their possession or their keeping just so long can they work. We admit that the lodge-room is the most appropriate place to keep the charter, but we think it absurd to say nothing can be legally done unless the charter is actually present."

Comp. Southgate does not believe in doing away with dues:—

"Take away the finances from the chapter and members lose interest. It is a part of religion to pay for the gospel. It is a part of masonry to pay dues. The Hard-shell is the only church we know of which proclaims a *free* gospel, and that church is very inconsiderable in numbers and growing less each year. Free Masonry will not fulfil its mission. We have known Masons who absented themselves from meetings because they were behind in dues, and when paid, they were punctual until they ran behind again. It is wholesome. Don't let us abandon them."

M. E. Comp. Benjamin F. Briggs (Wilson), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Donald W. Bain (Raleigh), G. S.

NORTH DAKOTA.

1st Convocation, Grand Forks, June 18th, 1890.

M. E. Comp. John Davidson, G. H. P.

These proceedings are very brief. They have seven chapters, all in good working order, and 355 members. The following constitutional amendment was adopted:—

"Voluntary non-affiliation with a lodge for a period of six months shall suspend the membership of any Royal Arch Mason during the continuance of such non-affiliation."

M. E. Comp. Leonard A. Rose (Fargo), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Thomas J. Wilder (Casselman), G. S.

NOVA SCOTIA.

21st Convocation, Halifax, June 10th, 1890.

M. E. Comp. George W. Wakeford, G. H. P.

The Grand High Priest visited eleven out of the twelve chapters in the jurisdiction, having travelled about 2,700 miles to do so. At the time of his visit to the chapter at St. Johns, Newfoundland, the Governor of the colony, Sir Terence O'Brien, was present.

On the state of the Order, the Committee of General Purposes made the following report :

"The committee further desire to report that the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction is good and that slow but sure progress has been made during the last two years. The visits of the immediate P. G. H. P. M. E., Companion Ruhland, to all the Chapters, except Shannon, No. 9, Newfoundland, during his year of office, and those of the present G. H. P. M. E., Companion Geo. W. Wakeford, to all but Rossignol, No. 6 (and including Newfoundland), have doubtless been an important factor in such good results as are reported. These visits have been made at a great expense of time and money by both the M. E. G. H. Priests named owing to the peculiar circumstances of such an extended and scattered jurisdiction as that of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, which includes all the Chapters in Nova Scotia proper, Cape Breton, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, and the Royal Craft is to be congratulated upon having had two such zealous and able rulers in succession."

A new Constitution was revised and adopted.

M. E. Comp. George W. Wakeford (Charlottetown, P. E. I.), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. George T. Smithers (Halifax), G. S.

OHIO.

73rd Convocation, Findlay, September 11th, 1889.

M. E. Comp. James W. Iredell, Jr., G. H. P.

The returns show a healthful increase in membership, and the chapters, with a few exceptions, are in a prosperous condition. Two new chapters were formed. The Grand High Priest decided that members could not visit or take part in the work of "Colored Masons" in Ohio.

A revision of the Ritual was ordered by the adoption of the following report and resolution :—

"The present Ritual has been in use over a third of a century, and very naturally many changes have come into use not found in the Ritual adopted by this Grand Body in the year 1856.

"We believe it to be very desirable to secure in this Grand Jurisdiction, as near as it can possibly be accomplished, a uniform Ritual : We therefore respectfully recommend the appointment of a committee of five companions who are hereby charged with the duty of revising the Ritual now in use in this Grand Jurisdiction."

"Resolved, That the committee appointed on the revision of the Ritual is hereby authorized to report the result of their labours to the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio, and if said revised Ritual shall be approved by the Grand High Priest, the dissemination of the said Ritual to the Chapters subordinate to this Grand Chapter, is hereby placed in charge of the Grand High Priest or his proxy."

The report on correspondence is by Comp. Graff M. Acklin, and reviews sixteen Grand Chapters, Canada, for 1888, being among the number.

M. E. Comp. James W. Iredell, Jm. (Cincinnati), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Mat. H. Watt (Chillicothe), G. S.

1890.

74th Convocation, Marion, September 24th, 1890.

M. E. Comp. James W. Iredell, Jr., G. H. P.

The number of questions submitted for his decision were comparatively few, showing that the officers of the chapters have given more

than usual attention to the revised code. One extraordinary question was asked: "Can a companion who was suspended for non-payment of dues be placed in good standing after his decease?" to which the Grand High Priest replied that the companion's record must stand as he made it.

The following report of the Ritual Committee was adopted:—

"The Committee on Revision of the Chapter Ritual beg leave to report that it has performed the duty assigned to it, and submit the accompanying ritual as the result of its labours. It has followed very closely the ritual of 1856 (the original copy of which, fortunately, is in possession of Companion Kiefer, the only surviving member of the Committee on Ritual appointed by this Grand Chapter in 1856), and has made very few or no radical changes. Those members of the committee who are most familiar with the ritual of 1856 are most earnest in their approval of the present modifications.

"This ritual, after its approval by the committee, was formally approved by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, and, in accordance with the resolution adopted by this Grand Chapter at its last convocation, is now the authorized ritual of this Grand Chapter. In preparing this ritual, reference has been constantly made to the ritual of the General Grand Chapter, the Ohio Ritual of 1856, and the rituals of a number of other States.

"It would be manifestly improper to allude in this report to the various changes that have been made, but an inspection of the ritual when promulgated, will convince you of the propriety and necessity of the few alterations introduced."

A Masonic Home is to be built as soon as the necessary funds can be procured. The Grand Chapter gave \$5,000 for this purpose, and ordered an additional per capita tax of twenty-five cents per annum to be levied on the membership for the same object.

The following resolutions were adopted by over a three-fourths vote in each case:—

"*Resolved*, That the M.W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio be, and hereby is respectfully requested by this Grand Chapter, to require the Secretary of each subordinate lodge of its obedience to send an official notice of the suspension, expulsion, or reinstatement of any of its members to the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons within whose jurisdiction it may be situated.

"*Resolved*, That the Secretary of each subordinate Chapter within this Grand Jurisdiction be, and is hereby, required to send official notice of the suspension, expulsion, or reinstatement of any of its members to the Council of Royal and Select Masters and Commandery of Knights Templar within whose jurisdiction such Chapter may be situated.

"Rule 20. No Master Mason can be advanced in any Chapter except upon petition signed by him, presented at a stated meeting thereof, which petition shall lie over from one stated meeting to another, and the fee in all cases shall accompany the petition.

"*Resolved*, That hereafter this Grand Chapter will recognize no cases of emergency.

"*Resolved*, That the Royal Arch Degree should not be conferred on candidates at the same meeting at which such candidates have received the degree of M.E. Master, and that Rule 27 be amended so that instead of declaring that 'All the degrees may be conferred on an applicant on the same day,' it shall read, 'And all the degrees except the Royal Arch may be conferred on an applicant on the same day.'

"*Resolved*, That membership in a Chapter shall be dependent upon and coexistent with membership in a lodge of Master Masons."

The last three of the above are decidedly arbitrary. It is an unwarrantable interference with the rights of chapters to say that there can be no emergency in which they might desire to admit a candidate in a shorter time than one month. If some of the chapters were abusing this privilege, it would be proper to place some additional restrictions upon the use of it, but it is not fair to punish the whole of the chapters for the fault of a few. As to conferring all the degrees in one day, we do not see what possible objection there can be to that. The last resolution is the worst of all, but we have written so much on that subject that we are tired of it. One would think that in some localities the progress is not towards the enlightenment of freedom, but towards the darkness of prejudice.

Here is another instance of arbitrary power:—

"Companion A. L. McKinney having raised the question as to the authority of this Grand Chapter to levy an assessment on the members of subordinate Chapters, the question was referred to the Committee of Jurisprudence who made report as follows :
 "This Grand Chapter is sovereign within its territory on all matters of legislation which are prohibited by its constitution and which it has not ceded to the General Grand Chapter of the United States ; that this Grand Chapter has authority to levy any assessment upon its members that it may deem expedient."

So the companions of Ohio are to be taxed to build a Masonic Home, whether they like it or not. There will be a revolution there some day.
 The report on correspondence is by Comp. Graff M. Acklin. In his notice of Nova Scotia, he says :—

"Are not dues a *pro rata* call upon the members of the body to make up a deficiency, and if they fail to pay dues will they be more likely to pay assessments? There is, to our mind, considerable sham sentiment attached to the dues question. We go to our Grand Convocation at reduced rates of travel and vote ourselves mileage that is frequently more than double the ordinary rates, and, while our ancient brethren met on high hills and in low valleys and consequently had no occasion to collect dues to meet expenses, we now insist upon halls, temples, and banquets, and then object to dues as a 'modern innovation.'"

Among the proceedings reviewed, we find those of Canada for 1889 and 1890.

M. E. Comp. James W. Iredell, Jr. (Cincinnati), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Charles C. Kiefer (Urbana), G. S.

OREGON.

30th Convocation, Portland, June 9th, 1890.

M. E. Comp. Donald McKay, G. H. P.

The following is the report of the committee on the address of the Grand High Priest :—

"Your Committee to whom was referred the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, would report, that we congratulate the Royal Craft upon the present prosperous condition in this jurisdiction, as set forth in the address of our Grand High Priest.

"Our annual convocations have for years past received from our Chief Executive Officers, the glad tidings 'that no matter of grievance or difference has been referred for adjudication.' This year is no exception to the general rule. This alone should be a matter of sincere congratulation.

"The sad announcement of those who have answered the last summons, and gone to their final reward, reminds us that death, the great leveller of all human distinctions, is ever present ; and many of those found with us to-day, who now surround the altar, may, at our next annual convocation, have joined the great majority.

"Many of these companions whose names appear, were prominent not only in masonic circles, but in the development and history of our country. Your committee would recommend that so much of the address as refers to the honored dead be referred to a special committee, to frame suitable memorial tributes for publication with our proceedings.

"In relation to the application of the companions at Lakeview for a dispensation to open a new chapter, which has been referred to the Grand Chapter, your committee hold that the matter of granting dispensations is a prerogative of the Grand High Priest, and should be exercised by him alone. Your committee would recommend that the matter be referred to the Grand High Priest elect for his action."

The sum of \$100 was voted to aid in the construction of the Washington Memorial Masonic Temple at Fredericksburg, Va.

The Grand Secretary has an excellent report on correspondence, and he thus gives their practice on non-payment of dues :—

"In Oregon, conforming to the law of the Grand Lodge as in the case before us, for non-payment of dues after notice to the brother, if he still refuses, he is dropped from the roll of members. Should he wish to be restored at any subsequent time, he can be by paying up his dues to date of application for restoration, and the Secretary's receipt shall be evidence of his good standing as a member. This is certainly the better law where membership is regarded as voluntary, as it is in Masonry."

Canada for 1889 receives due notice.

M. E. Comp. Seth L. Pope (Portland), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. R. P. Earhart (Portland), G. S.

PENNSYLVANIA.

At the quarterly Communication held on December 5th, 1889, the following interesting amendment to the Constitution was adopted, dealing with the question of life membership, it having been found that in some chapters this privilege was being conferred upon very slight payments, and in one case, a chapter attempted to pass a by-law making all Past High Priests life members without any payment :—

“Section 72. No Chapter shall confer the privileges of life membership for a less sum than *twenty-five dollars*, except as herein provided. Where a member has paid full annual dues for *twenty years*, he may be made a life member upon the payment of not less than *fifteen dollars*, should the By-Laws so provide.

“A Chapter, as an acknowledgment of meritorious service for at least one term as its M. E. High Priest, or, to a member having paid full dues for *twenty-five years*, may grant the privilege of life membership without the payment of any fee, if provided for in the By-Laws ; but in either of such cases the motion therefor shall be made in writing at a stated meeting of the Chapter, and, upon being seconded, shall be read and entered upon the minutes, and shall lie over until the next stated meeting, when if such motion shall receive a two-thirds vote in the affirmative, it shall be adopted. The members shall be notified of the pendency of such motion.”

An eloquent tribute to the memory of the late Companion Samuel Harper was delivered by Comp. William J. Kelly. Comp. Harper was for many years chairman of foreign correspondence and he was a man of great ability and thorough in every respect.

The Annual Convocation was held at Philadelphia on December 27th, 1889. M.E. Comp. James S. Barber, G.H.P.

Among the deaths reported is that of Comp. John Thomson, P.G.M., at the ripe age of ninety years. He had been connected with the Masonic body over sixty-two years. He was a wise and skilful craftsman and was loved and honoured throughout his long and useful life.

The Grand Secretary reports on correspondence. Comp. Meyer is correct in his disapproval of public installations. He also says that the rituals should not be printed, either in cipher or in extenso. On the recording of marks, he says :—

“We believe the proper way to enforce the recording of marks would be to prohibit the conferring of any higher degree until the mark had been recorded. Let the Mark Degree be the only degree of the evening, and then require the registering of the mark prior to the Most Excellent or the Royal Arch. If Chapters desired to confer the Most Excellent the same night, let them do it, but positively forbid the exaltation to the Royal Arch until the mark is recorded. Let no further obligation be administered until this part of the Mark Degree is complied with.”

M.E. Comp. James S. Barber (Philadelphia), G.H.P.

R.E. Comp. Charles E. Meyer (Philadelphia), G.S.

QUEBEC.

14th Convocation, Montreal, January 27th, 1891.

M.E. Comp. David Seath, G.Z.

On the craft at home, he says :—

“During the year just closed the harmony and fraternal feeling which has always been the characteristic of the members of our subordinate Chapters continued to prevail ; no appeals have been made to me, no grievances presented, and no decisions asked for.

“Our membership remains about the same, and although we have added to our roll the names of workmen from the quarries who have come up to assist us in the building of the temple, the deaths and withdrawals have been as numerous.

“Owing to the composition of the population in this jurisdiction, the majority of whom are taught not to participate in our mysteries, and having in our midst lodges and chapters that still adhere to another Grand Body, we cannot for the present at least look for any large increase in membership. For these reasons we should carefully guard our portals so that none but good men and true may obtain admittance, ever remembering that a few true and trusty companions will do more to promote the

welfare of our beloved Order than a larger number, some of whom might prove unworthy of the honor conferred upon them."

He mentions the gratifying intelligence that M.E. Comp, J. H. Graham has consented to write and compile a history of Freemasonry in the Province of Quebec from the earliest times.

A number of amendments to the Constitution were adopted.

They have ten chapters and 433 members.

Comp. E. D. T. Chambers reports on correspondence, and has a good notice of our proceedings for 1890. We make two extracts from his very interesting introduction :—

"We are also more than ever convinced that the Capitular degrees should be made a pre-requisite, not only for Masonic Knighthood, but also for the so-called higher degrees. In our own jurisdiction, we know that Chapter Masons interested in higher degrees have unwittingly worked serious injury to the Royal Craft by thoughtlessly proposing for membership in the bodies conferring such higher degrees, Master Masons who have not passed through the Royal Arch. Let us not be misunderstood. Both the intermediate and the Royal Arch degrees are much too beautiful and by far too solemn, too impressive and too sublime to be considered or used as mere stepping stones to another Rite or Order.

"The Chapter Mason whose zeal for higher degrees leads him to otherwise direct and advise the Master Mason desirous of further light, has poorly learned the lessons taught by both Symbolic and Capitular Masonry, and there is reason indeed to fear for the solidity and permanency of the masonic structure which he is himself erecting upon so unstable and insecure a foundation. We believe that the Masonic edifice of which the foundation was laid at initiation, is no more complete without the Capitular degrees than is the arch of a building without the key-stone ;—the Royal Arch being itself the cope-stone of original speculative masonry."

M.E. Comp. David Seath (Montreal), G.Z.

R.E. Comp. Joseph Mitchell (Montreal), G.S.E.

RHODE ISLAND.

92nd Convocation, Providence, March 14th, 1890.

M.E. Comp Robert S. Franklin, G.H.P.

Nothing of particular interest has transpired during the year, and the address and proceedings are very brief. They have ten chapters and 1,957 members, all working in harmony.

A laudable custom prevails in this jurisdiction, whereby the members of Grand Chapter all dine together after the close of the convocation. The Grand Stewards have really something to do, as they provide the banquet and audit the bills.

M.E. Comp. Robert S. Franklin (Newport), G.H.P.

R.E. Comp. William R. Greene (Providence), G.S.

SCOTLAND.

We have received the minutes of the quarterly meetings of the Grand Chapter of Scotland and the meetings of the Supreme Committee from April, 1890, to June, 1891. These minutes give the various items of local business transacted, but there is no address from the Grand Z., nor any reports showing the state or condition of the Grand Chapter or its subordinates. A list of the chapters is given, and on counting them up we find that there are 153 chapters ; the highest number being 227, showing that there must be 74 chapters which have ceased to exist or have been transferred to some other allegiance. There are 79 chapters in Scotland and 74 in other countries, including 21 in Australia, 12 in South Africa, ten in India and nine in New Zealand, and we also find one at Chatham, New Brunswick, and one at Victoria, British Columbia.

The only statistics given are the numbers of intrants registered and diplomas issued for each quarter, respectively, 202, 106, 219 and 239,

making in all for the year 766, but we have no way of knowing the total membership.

The receipts for the year in round numbers were \$3,700, principally from registrations, diplomas and charter fees, and the expenditure was \$1,770, principally for salaries, printing and charity. The total funds of the Grand Chapter are \$29,120 ; nearly \$24,000 of which is invested.

A communication was received from a body styling itself the Early Grand Chapter of Scotland, submitting propositions as a basis of union between that body and the Supreme Grand Chapter. This was referred to a committee to investigate and report, but nothing further appears in these minutes as to the result.

A little breeze and its conclusion appears from the following :—

“Grand Scribe E, submitted the following communication from ‘St. Andrew’s’ Chapter, No. 115, Inverness :—

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND.

To the Grand Scribe E.,

DEAR SIR AND COMP.,—With reference to our correspondence regarding the P.M. degree, I brought your last letter, &c., under the notice of the members of Chapter No. 115. After discussion, a minute was adopted, of which I beg to append a copy, and which I was instructed to send you.—I am, yours fraternally,

J. LESLIE FRASER, S.E.”

“At a meeting on Tuesday, the 9th September, 1890, the St. Andrews R. A. Chapter, No. 115, having considered the communication from the Grand Scribe E of Supreme Chapter respecting the Past Master Degree, resolved that they abide by their Charter until altered by mutual agreement, and, in the event of the Supreme Chapter not recognising said P. M. Degree, in the Diplomas issued, that Chapter No. 115 will issue its own Diplomas for that Degree.

“The Committee instructed Grand Scribe E. to intimate to St. Andrew’s Chapter, No. 115, that, in respect, the above resolution is a direct violation of a Law of Supreme Chapter (Cap. II., Sec. I.), and wilful disregard of the authority of the Supreme Grand Chapter, specially so after the full information given by Grand Scribe E. with reference to said P. M. Degree, that, failing the Chapter immediately rescinding said resolution, and expunging the same from its minutes, and ceasing to confer, or in any way recognise the so-called Past Master or Chair Degree, the chapter will be forthwith suspended, and its charter recalled.” * * *

“Grand Scribe E. read the following communication received from St. Andrew Chapter, No. 115, Inverness :—

“ST. ANDREW ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 115.

“R. S. BROWN, Esq.,

“INVERNESS, 14th Jan., 1891.

“Grand Scribe E.,

“Supreme Grand R. A. Chapter of Scotland.

“EX. SIR AND COMP.,

“*Past Master Degree.*

“I duly received your note of 12th instant, which, along with that of the 3rd instant, was read at a meeting of the chapter held last evening, when, after discussion, it was resolved :—

“‘That the resolutions passed by the chapter on 9th September, 1890 to continue conferring and practising the degree of Past Master, and to issue diplomas therefor, be now rescinded ; that a marginal note to this effect be written on minute of date mentioned ; and that the chapter do now and for all time cease conferring and practising the said Degree of Past Master.’—Yours fraternally, ALEX. F. MACKENZIE, S.E.

“The committee expressed gratification at the receipt of the above communication, and their satisfaction that the subject referred to was now finally settled in accordance with the instructions of Supreme Committee.”

The following resolution was adopted :—

“That, with the exception of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Janitor, each holder of Grand Office in Supreme Grand Chapter shall vacate his office after a tenure of two years, but he shall be eligible for immediate election to any other Grand Office, or for re-election to the same Grand Office after the expiry of one year from the date of vacating the same, in which case the tenure of office shall again not exceed two years.”

On consideration of an application on behalf of the office-bearers of a chapter to attend in their official robes at a public non-masonic function, along with members of the craft and others, it was resolved that such permission could not be granted.

Four new charters were granted for chapters at Klerksdorp, in South Africa ; Johannesburg Republic, Coatbridge, and Mount Morgan,

Queensland. Three mark warrants were granted all to Melbourne, Australia.

In June, 1891, a petition for a charter was presented for a chapter at Quetta, in Beloochistan, and the Supreme Committee resolved to recommend to Grand Chapter to grant the prayer thereof.

The Right Honourable the Earl of Haddington is First Grand Principal, and Robert S. Brown is Grand Scribe E. Address, Edinburgh.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

79th Convocation, Charleston, February 11th, 1890.

M.E. Comp. A. H. White, G.H.P.

On visitations, he says :—

"During the past year I have visited every chapter on our roll of chapters and assisted them in the work they had to do, and I personally inspected the condition of each chapter financially as well as otherwise. This of course put more work upon me, but I found great pleasure in discharging it. Meeting the companions in their chapter convocations and becoming better acquainted with them and their work, quickened my interest and zeal in the cause of Masonry. I can bring words of good cheer, and say that the future prospects of Capitular Masonry are brighter than they have been for several years."

Among the representatives appointed, we notice the name of R.E. Comp. E. H. D. Hall, for Canada.

They have sixteen chapters, with 407 members.

M.E. Comp. A. Doty (Charleston), G.H.P.

R.E. Comp. J. E. Burke (Charleston), G.S.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

1st Annual Convocation, Madison, June 9th, 1890.

M.E. Comp. Henry S. Williams, G.H.P.

We copy his opening remarks :—

"We meet to-day, for the first time, as the Grand Chapter of South Dakota.

"A new page has been added to Masonic history, and the Grand Chapters of North and South Dakota, as twin sisters, have been admitted into the sisterhood of Capitular Masonry on this continent.

"To Him who presides over the destinies of us all, we commit the welfare of our Royal Craft, and offer up our thanksgivings for that degree of prosperity which our new state has attained, and the magnificent prospects we behold on every hand of an abundant harvest.

"To those associated with me, as your Grand Officers, was assigned the task of organizing this Grand Body, upon the dissolution of the Grand Chapter of Dakota, made necessary by the admission of North and South Dakota into the Union of States. After considerable delay, caused by the sickness of the M.E. Grand High Priest of Dakota, Companion John Davidson, we met at the City of Yankton, on January 6th, 1890, when the Grand Officers present were installed and this Grand Chapter instituted by our Excellent Companion, Theodore S. Parvin, of Iowa, the father of all the Grand Masonic bodies of both Dakotas. From that time the Grand Chapter of South Dakota dates the birth of its existence.

A new chapter was formed at Chamberlain.

A committee was appointed to revise the Constitution, and the following amendment was adopted :—

"Every companion exalted and every applicant elected to membership in a chapter in this jurisdiction, shall thereby become a member of such chapter, except where the companion is exalted at the request of another chapter. In that case he shall become a member of the chapter making the request."

M.E. Comp. Park Davis (Sioux Falls), G.H.P.

R.E. Comp. Geo. A. Pettigrew (Flandrau), G.S.

1891.

Second Convocation, Watertown, June 11, 1891.

M. E. Comp. Park Davis, G.H.P.

He rightly thinks that a real emergency should exist to justify the exercise of the dispensing power. Among his decisions we find the following :—

“The subject of dues is entirely within the control of the Chapter and it may exempt any of its members from payment for any reason which it may deem expedient, A By-law exempting members residing more than ten miles from the place of meeting is not in conflict with any regulation of the Grand Chapter, and is valid.

“It is not proper to install an officer by proxy. The installation covenant required by the constitution is personal and cannot be taken by proxy.

“A ballot for an elective officer should never be cast by one member for the whole Chapter. A motion to that effect should be declared out of order by the High Priest.”

The condition of the craft is prosperous and encouraging. They have twenty-four Chapters and 1,200 members. 138 were exalted during the year and the net increase was ninety-five.

A Revised Constitution was adopted.

The Grand Secretary is the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. Canada for 1890 receives due attention. From this Report we learn that in South Dakota no mileage or per diem is paid to the officers or members of Grand Chapter.

M. E. Comp. Wm. J. McMakin (Terraville), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. George A. Pettigrew (Flandrau), G.S.

TENNESSEE.

61st Convocation, Nashville, January 27th, 1890.

M.E. Comp. Needham F. Harrison, G.H.P.

Much good work has been done, and many of the chapters are having a fair degree of prosperity. Five new chapters were formed.

The usual appropriation of \$100 was made to the Masonic Library Association of Nashville.

The dues to Grand Chapter were reduced from seventy-five cents to fifty cents per member.

M.E. Comp. Thomas O. Morris (Nashville), G.H.P.

R.E. Comp. John Frizzell (Nashville), G.S.

1891.

62nd Convocation, Nashville, January 26th, 1891.

M.E. Comp. Thomas O. Morris, G.H.P.

His official acts were embraced in official visitations, granting dispensations and issuing commissions. He organized four new chapters, and reports an increased interest in capital Masonry.

The report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence was adopted as follows :—

“1. We congratulate the Craft upon the uninterrupted harmony and increased interest which have characterized the past Masonic year.

“2. We commend the zeal and earnestness exhibited by the Grand Visitors, whose reports accompanied the Address of the Grand High Priest, and only regret that the duty assigned was not fully carried out by all who were designated for this important work.

“3. We unite with Companion J. H. McClister, Grand Visitor of the first congressional district, in the recommendation that in the future no Chapter be named after any living person.

“4. We recommend that all matters in said Address relating to the issuance of dispensations or charters be referred to the Committee on Dispensations.

“5. We recommend that the dispensations granted by the Grand High Priest be approved. Your committee, however, cannot pass from the consideration of this subject without calling special attention to the large number of applications received during the year for permission to ballot upon petitions out of time. In the opinion of your committee this is a power which should be but rarely exercised, and only in the most extreme and urgent cases.

"6. We commend the zeal and interest of the Grand High Priest in his numerous visitations.

"7. We recommend the approval of the action of the Grand High Priest in the appointment of Grand Representatives.

"8. We unite with the Grand High Priest in the tribute paid to Past Grand High Priest Benjamin F. Haller, and recommend that a memorial page be set apart in our Annual Proceedings suitably inscribed to his memory."

Comp. John Frizzell, who has been Grand Secretary ever since we can remember, declined a re-election.

The sum of \$250 was appropriated to the Widows' and Orphans' Home of Tennessee.

They have fifty-nine chapters and 2,202 members.

M.E. Comp. Alex. C. Robeson (Athens), G.H.P.

R.E. Comp. W. A. Clendening (Nashville), G.S.

TEXAS.

41st Convocation, Houston, December 9th, 1890.

M.E. Comp. Rufus Price, G.H.P.

His year was uneventful. Nothing occurred to disturb the harmony of the craft. A forward movement is apparent. Three new chapters were formed and some old ones revived.

The Mexican question is again to the front :—

"On December 19th, 1889, Comp. L. F. Price, High Priest of Burleson Chapter, No. 21, writes : 'A Master Mason, a member of a Blue Lodge in Mexico, working under a charter granted by the Grand Lodge of Missouri, a railroad man, headquarters and residence in the City of Mexico for the last four or five years, is not a citizen of Mexico, nor has he a domicile in or claims citizenship in any particular State, is temporarily in Texas, is anxious to take the Royal Arch and Appendant Degrees; no chapter in Mexico to which application could be made for waiver of jurisdiction,' and asked,

"1. Could or would a dispensation be granted to confer the degrees on him?

"2. Would he, as others, be required to reside a given length of time in the State?

"3. In case a dispensation was granted could the chapter, by unanimous vote, dispense with the time required by the By-laws for inquiry into character?

"To the first question, I answered, no; that if the degrees could be conferred on him here it must be done by dispensing with the constitutional requirements and qualifications, and I failed to find any authority in the constitution of the Grand Chapter for the exercise of the dispensing power in such a case.

"To the second question, I answer, yes; the applicant will be required to reside in Texas twelve months, and shall be personally known to and vouched for by at least two members of the chapter to which application is made next before the application is made.

"To the third question, I answered, yes; Section V., Article II., of the constitution of the Grand Chapter provides that the chapter, by a unanimous vote, may dispense with the time for inquiry into the character of an applicant."

The committee on the address gave the following explanation of their laws as to balloting and quorum :—

"With reference to the rulings of the Grand High Priest on the subject of balloting and quorum, as presented in the cases of Big Springs Chapter, No. 178, and Saron Chapter, No. 183, we have this to say : We think it clear that in applications for degrees any member in good standing of a chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction is entitled to vote in any chapter, but he cannot vote on petitions for affiliation. A chapter may be opened when nine regular Royal Arch Masons are present, but when purely local business, such as the election of officers and all other matters, except petitions for degrees, are to be considered, visitors cannot vote, and as to these matters there is not a quorum present for the transaction of business unless nine members of the chapter are present. It is clear that no business can be transacted unless nine are present. In balloting on applications for degrees the nine may include visitors in good standing from other chapters in the jurisdiction. In all other matters the nine must all be members of the chapter. It results that the ruling of the Grand High Priest in declaring the second ballot in Big Springs Chapter a nullity was correct. Nine ballots must be cast on every application for degrees."

Comp. J. C. Kidd reports on correspondence. In his review of Colorado we find the following :

"The Grand Chapter to overcome this trouble, indorsed the proposition made in 1888, to divide the State into districts and appoint deputies to visit the Chapters and teach the work. This was subsequently done. We hope the result will be satisfactory. So long as Grand Chapters deliberately publish the 'work' and offer it for sale, it will become more and more difficult to get companions to learn the same so as to reproduce it from 'the storehouse of memory.' Of all farcical proceedings we have ever seen commend us to one where an officer holds a book in his hand and 'reads' what he ought to 'say' when conferring a degree.

"In looking through the addresses of sister jurisdictions one notices that the greatest number of dispensations issued by them are for the purpose of enabling Chapters to elect officers at regular time. This makes us believe that our way is the best. The applications of Chapters with us are enough now to get them out of trouble on account of failure to meet, and if companions will not come out on election night, when will they come? A Chapter that under ordinary circumstances fails to have a meeting on election night is wanting in the first elements of patriotism—the exercise of the ballot. Such indifference ought not to be encouraged."

On forced affiliation for chapter membership, he expresses our sentiments exactly. In reply to Comp. Staton, of Kentucky, he says:—

"He waxes eloquent over the matter under discussion, which was 'continuous, or solid membership,' and defines his 'Procrustian' bed, on which all must sleep or be anathema. We have as little liking as he for the one who takes the lower degrees simply that he may flaunt the 'feathers of the higher,' but to one who from the force of circumstances is compelled to give up one or more 'memberships,' we say select for retention that which best suits you. We know Companions that in Chapter or Commandery are capable of doing good work for the Craft. In the Blue Lodge they would scarcely be known."

Canada for 1890 has a good notice.

M. E. Comp. John P. Bell (Belleville), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Robert Brewster (Houston), G. S.

VERMONT.

73rd Convocation, Burlington, June 13th, 1890.

M. E. Comp. Edwin O. Hibbard, G. H. P.

The opening remarks of the Grand High Priest contain food for reflection, and should be carefully studied by all:—

"I congratulate you upon the favorable auspices under which we meet to-day. Nothing has occurred during the year to interrupt or mar the pleasant relations that exist between ourselves and foreign jurisdictions, while the condition of the Craft in our own jurisdiction is encouraging. With few exceptions the utmost harmony and fraternal feeling has prevailed among the Chapters during the year, the exceptions being in some cases caused by the unmasonic use of the black ball. When will companions learn that they are guilty of unmasonic conduct—yes, guilty of violating their Masonic obligations—when in balloting they use the black ball as an instrument of personal revenge? and when all chapters cease to hesitate to deal with offenders of this class? In a few of the chapters there has been altogether too much harmony. The companions seem to have fallen asleep; but I have assurance from some, at least, that it is not that sleep which knows no awakening, but they will arouse, go out and shake themselves. Let us hope they will find the Lord has not departed from them.

"My official visitations during the year have been few. Perhaps I have left this duty too much to the district deputies; but I assure you it has not been from a lack of interest, for it always gives me great pleasure to meet with my companions, renew and strengthen old acquaintances and form new ones, and I shall always be glad to do all I can to promote the interests of our time-honored institution.

"A number of special dispensations have been issued during the year, but none except in cases where I had full confidence to believe the best interests of Capital Masonry would be promoted thereby; and that in all cases all resident members be duly notified of the proposed action, and that due returns be made to this office within thirty days of all business transacted under each dispensation. In one case only has the latter charge been complied with. Query: Have the other conditions been likewise disregarded? When the favor of a special dispensation is granted, is it asking too much for you to make returns as to the use you make of said dispensation? Ought you to expect a like favour again if you neglect to do so?"

The committee on the address make further comment, as follows:—

"We would give all the emphasis in our power to what is so well said by the Grand High Priest upon the subject of abuse of the ballot. It is a shield, and not a sword, placed in the hands of men to be used in the dark. Companions should guard well the

outer door, but never close it because of personal reasons. Such an act is unmasonic, and all so acting must stand condemned by their own conscience, whether their chapter is able to deal with them or not.

"We recommend that the Grand Secretary call upon delinquent chapters to report immediately relative to the selection of marks by their members, as ordered by the Grand Chapter one year ago, and that failing to make such report, the Grand High Priest take such action as may be deemed best to secure the observance of the will of the Grand Chapter.

"We join the Grand High Priest in condemning—not only as irregular, but unmasonic and unlawful—the practice of calling off from time to time and attempting to keep the chapter open indefinitely to transact business, or work without a constitutional number. If such practice shall be continued hereafter, in our opinion the charter of such chapter or chapters should be at once revoked."

The report on correspondence is by Comp. F. S. Fisher. In it he reviews our proceedings of 1889, and has complimentary remarks on the report of the committee on the condition of the craft.

M.E. Comp. Edwin O. Hibbard (West Randolph), G.H.P.

R.E. Comp. Warren G. Reynolds (Burlington), G.S.

VIRGINIA.

83rd Convocation, Roanoke, October 28th, 1890.

M.E. Comp. John T. Parham, G.H.P.

They are gaining good material and the outlook is very encouraging. Two new chapters were formed and one revived. On the work, Comp. Parham says:—

"I call the attention of the Grand Chapter to the want of uniformity in the work, and hope that some means can be devised whereby all the Chapters can get the work of the Grand Chapter as taught by our M. E. Grand Lecturer. I notice in some of our sister jurisdictions they have what is termed State Chapters for instruction, held in different parts of the jurisdiction lasting for several days, at which one of the Grand officers and Grand Lecturer are present. I think that such a move would do a great deal of good in Virginia."

The report of the Grand Lecturer contains cause for felicitation :

"I cannot refrain from congratulating the Grand Chapter, that, notwithstanding the immense material development Virginia is now undergoing, and a consequent great degree of interest felt by all her people in the rapid kaleidoscopic changes which mark her broad surface, wherever I have been, the interest in Capitular Masonry is not only unabated but increasing, the desire to learn the work greater than heretofore, and Chapters frequently conferring the degrees in a manner to put to shame the loose work of ten or fifteen years ago. This is due, of course, to a greater amount of study and a better understanding of these beautiful and sublime degrees."

The following resolutions were adopted:—

"*Resolved 1st*, That all High Priests elect who have not been installed into office shall be duly installed at the earliest Convocation of their respective chapters, and be authorized to preside over the chapter and discharge all the duties of the office; but that they be required to receive the Order of High Priest at the earliest period.

"*Resolved 2nd*, That all High Priests who have been installed into office and who have not received the Order of High Priest, shall continue to discharge the duties of the office, but that they be required to receive the Order of High Priest at the earliest opportunity."

The sum of \$350 was voted to the endowment fund of the Masonic Home of Virginia.

They have twenty-six chapters and 1,571 members.

The committee on the address of the Grand High Priest in answer to his suggestion on the work say that—

"As to the want of uniformity in the work in the Subordinate Chapters of the State, referred to in the address, your Committee recognizes its importance and necessity, but see no means under our control at present for the more rapid dissemination of the work than we have provided for by appointing a Grand Lecturer, at the expense of the Grand Chapter, subject to the call of any Chapter desiring instruction; and we earnestly recommend that the Subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction shall avail them-

selves of the valuable services of the Grand Lecturer in perfecting themselves in the work authorized by this Grand Chapter."

M.E. Comp. J. Howard Wayt (Staunton), G.H.P.

R.E. Comp. William B. Isaacs (Richmond), G.S.

WASHINGTON.

6th Convocation, Ellensburg, June 13th, 1890.

M.E. Comp. Thomas M. Reed, G.H.P.

He congratulates the companions on the admission of their territory as a sovereign state of the Union, and on the wonderful development of their beautiful country, and on the healthful prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry in their midst. A new chapter was formed at Aberdeen.

A constitutional amendment was adopted to the effect that not more than one of the first four of the Grand Officers shall be elected from any one chapter.

The Grand Secretary reports on correspondence. Canada for 1889 appears.

M.E. Comp. William V. Rhinehart (Seattle), G.H.P.

R.E. Comp. Yancey C. Blalock (Walla Walla), G.S.

WEST VIRGINIA.

19th Convocation, Wheeling, Nov. 11th, 1889.

M.E. Comp. Frank Rex, G.H.P.

His duties were not arduous or burdensome. The year was quiet and uneventful, and no confusion has appeared among the workmen.

1890.

20th Convocation, Charleston, November 10th, 1890.

M.E. Comp. George Davis, G.H.P.

He organized two new chapters.

The following report was adopted:—

"Your Committee on Capitular Jurisprudence to whom was referred so much of the Grand High Priest's address as relates to decisions made by him, fraternally and respectfully report that in our opinion the decision reported as to the Jurisdiction of Hancock Chapter, over the petition of a railroad employe who makes his home in New Cumberland, but is kept absent by his regular avocation, is entirely correct, and is well sustained by authority. In such a case it is clear that the Chapter nearest the home of the petitioner, nearest the place where he holds citizenship, is entitled to exercise jurisdiction.

"Your Committee has also been asked to consider the matter of recognition of the New Grand Chapters of North Dakota and South Dakota. We have examined the papers submitted, and find all the proceedings regular and harmonious, and we therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

"Resolved, That we extend both hands in fraternal recognition of the New Grand Chapters of North and South Dakota, and we greet with cordial welcome the advent of these twin sisters in the family of American Grand Chapters."

M.E. Comp. A. Mason Evans (Middleway), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. John W. Morris (Wheeling), G.S.

WISCONSIN.

41st Convocation, Milwaukee, February 17th, 1891.

M.E. Comp. Rock J. Flint, G.H.P.

They are enjoying a season of growth and prosperity. The exaltations were 312, a gain of forty-two over the previous year, and the total membership is 4,584, a gain of 116 during the year. Comp. Flint reports only two decisions, the first being correct, but the second is erroneous, and he has doubts about it himself:—

"(1) Exclusion from a lodge for non-payment of dues does not bar a companion from enjoying the privileges of the chapter.

"(2) The P.M. Degree conferred on an actual Master, to prepare him to preside over a lodge, fulfils all the requirements of the chapter, and need not again be conferred in taking the Capitular Degrees."

The Committee on Jurisprudence presented a very important report, which, after some discussion, was adopted in full:—

"The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence have had the matters referred to them under consideration and herewith submit their report. We recommend the adoption of the proposed amendment to the constitution as follows:

"Amend No. 7, Specific Regulations, page 26 of the constitution, so as to read,

No. 7.—PROTEST AFTER BALLOT AND BEFORE CONFERRING DEGREES.

"First.—A protest after ballot and before conferring degrees may be made in open chapter or privately to the High Priest, or in a written communication to the Secretary.

"Second.—A protest against advancement before receiving a degree has the same preventive effect as a rejection by ballot, unless withdrawn.

"Add the following to be designated as No. 8:

No. 8.—PROTEST AGAINST ADVANCEMENT AFTER RECEIVING ONE OR MORE DEGREES.

"First.—A protest against advancement after receiving a degree may be made in open chapter or by a written communication to the Secretary.

"Second.—Such protest shall state the specific grounds of objection, and the facts on which the objection is based. The protest shall then be considered by the Chapter, which shall have the power, by a two-thirds vote, to advance the candidate, notwithstanding the protest.

"Third.—In all cases of protest the fact shall be recorded in the minutes, but the name of the objector shall not be recorded.

"Fourth.—A protest may be withdrawn at any time, and when so withdrawn the fact shall be recorded by the Secretary.

"Your Committee recommend the concurrence of the Grand Chapter in the decision (No. 1) of the Grand High Priest relating to the chapter privileges of a companion who has been excluded from a lodge for non-payment of dues.

"After a careful consideration of decision No. 2, wherein the Grand High Priest decides that 'the Past Master's degree conferred on an actual Master to prepare him to preside over a lodge fulfils all the requirements of the chapter and need not again be conferred in taking the Capitular degrees.'

"To this decision your Committee dissents and recommend that it be not approved by the Grand Chapter for the following reasons:

"First.—If approved and made a rule of this Grand Jurisdiction it would place the power of conferring one of the Capitular degrees upon three or more actual Past Masters who have never received the chapter degrees, thereby conceding to a lodge of actual Past Masters greater power in conferring this degree than is granted to a chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

"Second.—Under a decision of the General Grand Chapter, nine Royal Arch Masons must be present in order to legally open in any one of the four bodies under the immediate jurisdiction of the chapter. It would therefore be a derogation of the rights, privileges and dignities of Capitular Masonry to recognize any other power or authority than a regular constituted chapter of Royal Arch Masons to confer any degrees rightfully belonging to it.

"Third.—In Capitular Masonry a pre-requisite to receiving the Past Master's degree is to be made a Mark Master. It would therefore be a violation of a well-established landmark to recognize an actual Past Master as having lawfully received one of the chapter degrees.

"Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following as specific regulation No. 9 of this Grand Jurisdiction.

"No. 9. All chapters conferring the Capitular degrees upon *Actual Past Masters* shall confer the degree of Past Master in full form, without reference to any preparation for presiding over a Master's lodge."

The per capita dues were reduced to fifty cents.

In his eighth report on correspondence, Comp. W. C. Swain has the following on Canada, for 1889:—

"Among the dispensations for new chapters, we notice one for Vancouver, British Columbia. We haven't heard, as yet, of any 'kick' from our friends across the water, but we can see no reason why they should not object to this, as well as to chartering chapters in Victoria."

Our proceedings for 1890 also receive a good notice. He thinks that we should separate from the Grand Lodge, and he is in favour of "pub-

lic installations," as with them, the "public" is almost entirely composed of the families of the members.

M.E. Comp. Horace E. Mann (Marinette), G.H.P.

R.E. Comp. John W. Ladin (Milwaukee), G.S.

CONNECTICUT.

93rd Convocation, New Haven, May 12th, 1891.

M. E. Comp. Gilbert L. Hewitt, G.H.P.

Peace and harmony prevail. One new Chapter was formed. Arizona was recognized. There was no work for either of the Committees on Grievance or Jurisprudence. The following resolutions were adopted:—

"*First.* That every Chapter be and is hereby required to procure and keep with its records a book of marks.

"*Second.* That hereafter no candidate shall be exalted within this jurisdiction until he shall have selected and caused to be recorded a mark.

"*Third.* That High Priests are hereby directed to require all members of their respective Chapters, who have not previously done so, to select and record their marks, and that report of all Companions in this jurisdiction who have neglected or refused to comply with this resolution, be made to the Grand Secretary on or before January 1, 1892."

They have 38 Chapters reporting 232 exaltations and 4,739 members, an increase of 129.

In the Report on Correspondence by Comp. John H. Barlow, we find the following:—

"We agree with Companion Long. 'What constitutes a lodge?' The reply comes: 'A constitutional number of brethren, with the Holy Bible, square and compass, and a charter or warrant empowering them to work.' If the presence of the charter can be dispensed with, why not the three Great Lights, so long as the lodge owns them? If the actual presence of the charter were not required at all the convocations, we fear it would be liable to be laid away (like the old lady's spectacles in the family Bible) and not found when wanted."

Comp. Barlow is not in favor of a Chapter Burial Service, and thinks it unnecessary, as the solemn lodge service is sufficient. On lodge membership, he says:—

"We deny emphatically that simply lodge membership is all he pays or should pay dues for. When he is admitted he becomes a member of the great Masonic family, as well as the particular lodge, and all duties inseparably connected with each. Its charities, he is informed, should be as extensive as the bounds of Masonry—and the lodge is the usual channel for such charities to flow—so that when he pays dues it is not only to defray the ordinary expenses of a lodge, but to provide means to respond to the calls of relief, and the brother who shirks this duty imposes an additional burden upon the faithful ones, and is a drone in the hive."

In his review of our Proceedings for 1890, he has some complimentary remarks on our system of visitation:—

"The system of visitation in this Grand Chapter is most complete. The jurisdiction is divided into thirteen masonic districts, over each is appointed what are termed Superintendents of Districts, whose duties are to visit each Chapter and report in detail to the Grand Chapter its condition as to work, furniture, finances, etc. These reports are referred by the Grand Chapter to a special committee, and by them carefully reviewed and their imperfections noted, and the Grand Chapter becomes thoroughly informed as to the condition of each subordinate."

M. E. Comp. C. H. Chesebro (Putnam), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. J. K. Wheeler (Hartford), G.S.

PROCEEDINGS RECEIVED.

The following is a list of the Grand Chapter proceedings which are reviewed in this report:—

General Grand Chapter	 1889	Arkansas	 1890
Alabama	 1890	Connecticut	 1891
Arizona	 1890	Colorado	 1890

Delaware	1891	New Jersey	1891
District of Columbia	1890	New York	1891
Georgia	1890	North Carolina	1890
Illinois	1890	North Dakota	1890
Indiana	1890	Nova Scotia	1890
Indian Territory	1890	Ohio	1889-90
Iowa	1890	Oregon ..	1890
Ireland ..	1891	Pennsylvania	1889
Kansas	1891	Quebec	1891
Kentucky ..	1890	Rhode Island	1890
Louisiana	1891	Scotland	1890
Maine	1890	South Carolina ..	1890
Maryland	1890	South Dakota	1890-91
Massachusetts ..	1890	Tennessee	1890-91
Michigan	1891	Texas ..	1890
Minnesota	1890	Vermont	1890
Mississippi	1890	Virginia	1890
Missouri	1890	Washington	1890
Nebraska	1889	West Virginia	1889-90
Nevada	1890	Wisconsin	1891
New Hampshire	1890		

California meets in April; Florida meets in May, but their proceedings have not been received.

All which is fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON,
Chairman.

Collingwood, Ontario, Canada,
June 5th, 1891.

